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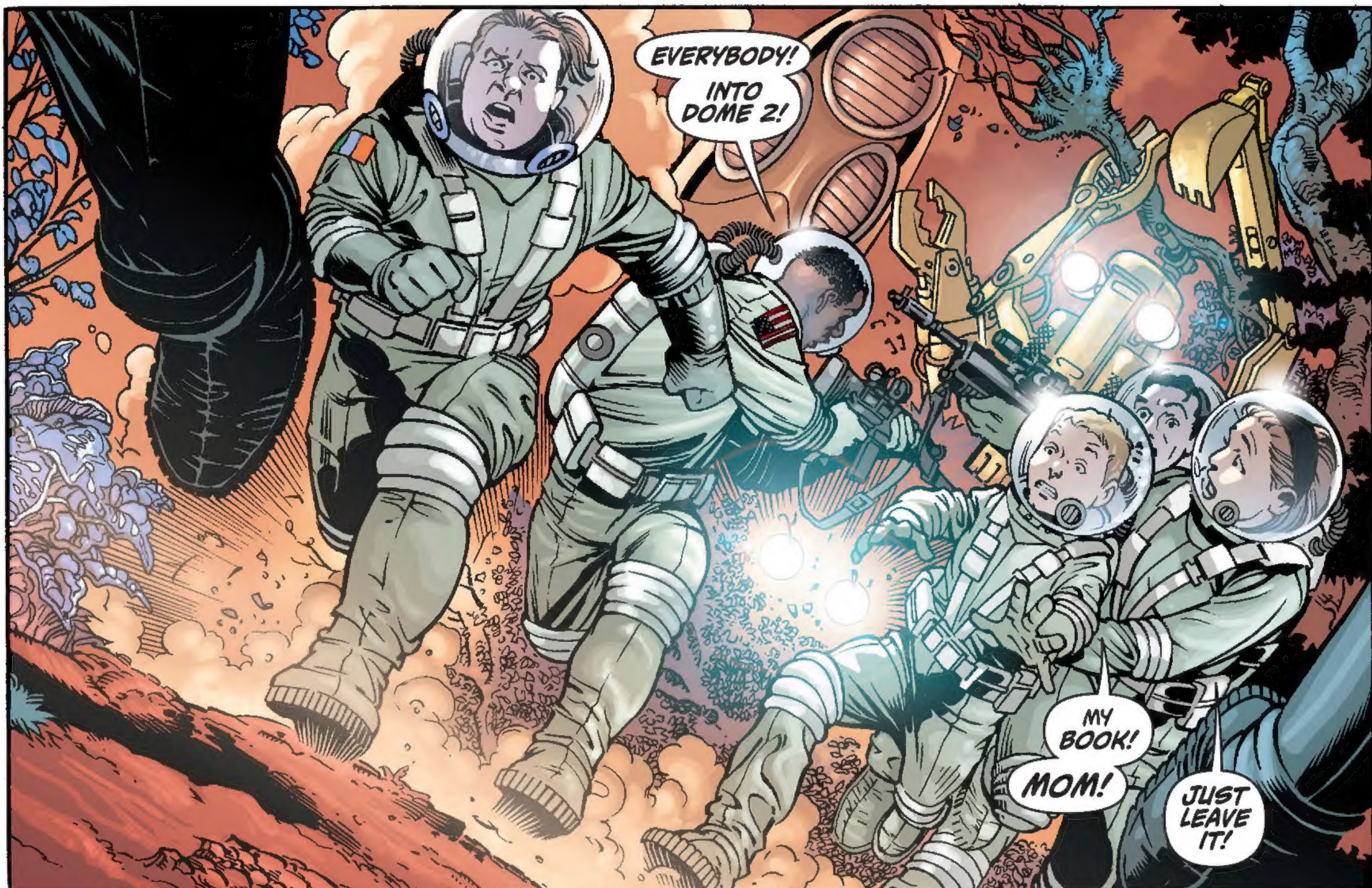
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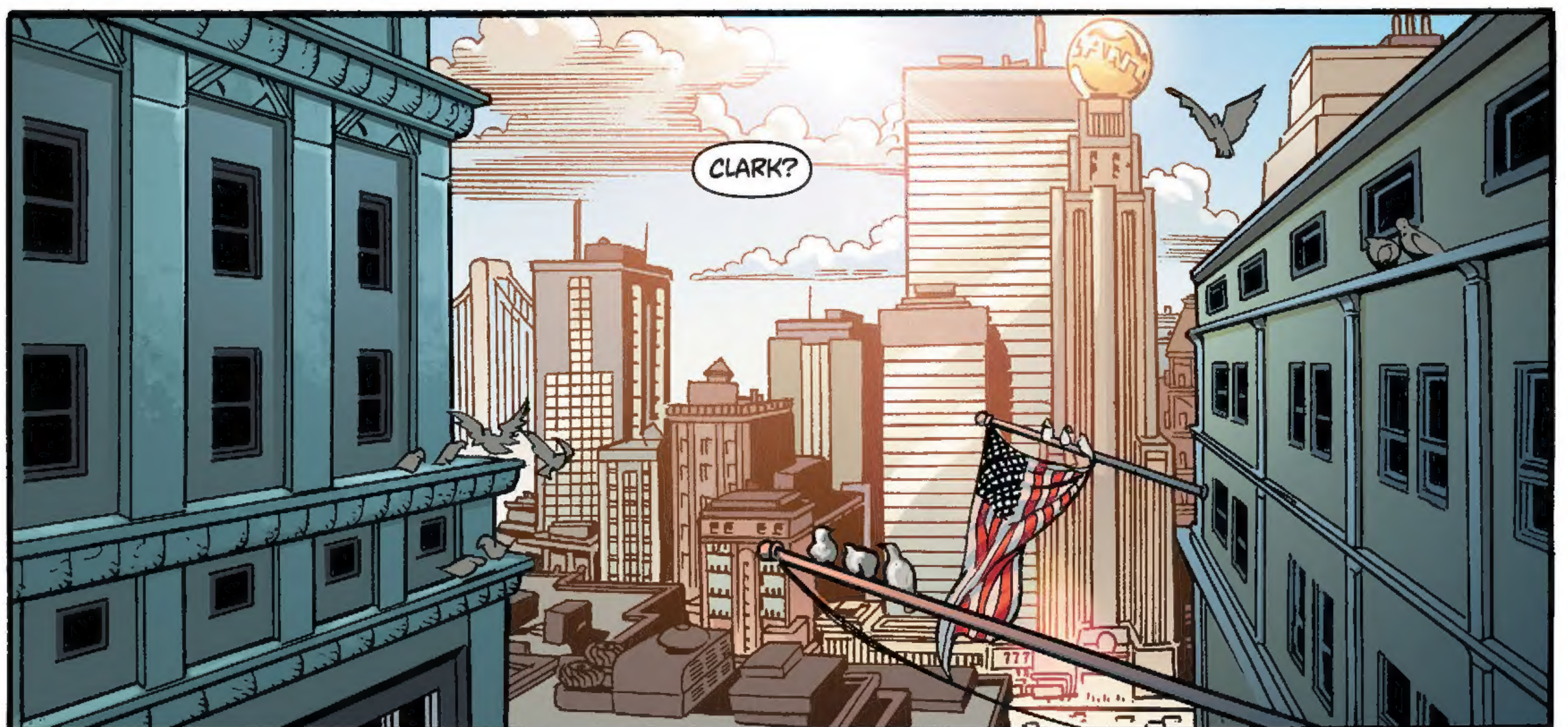
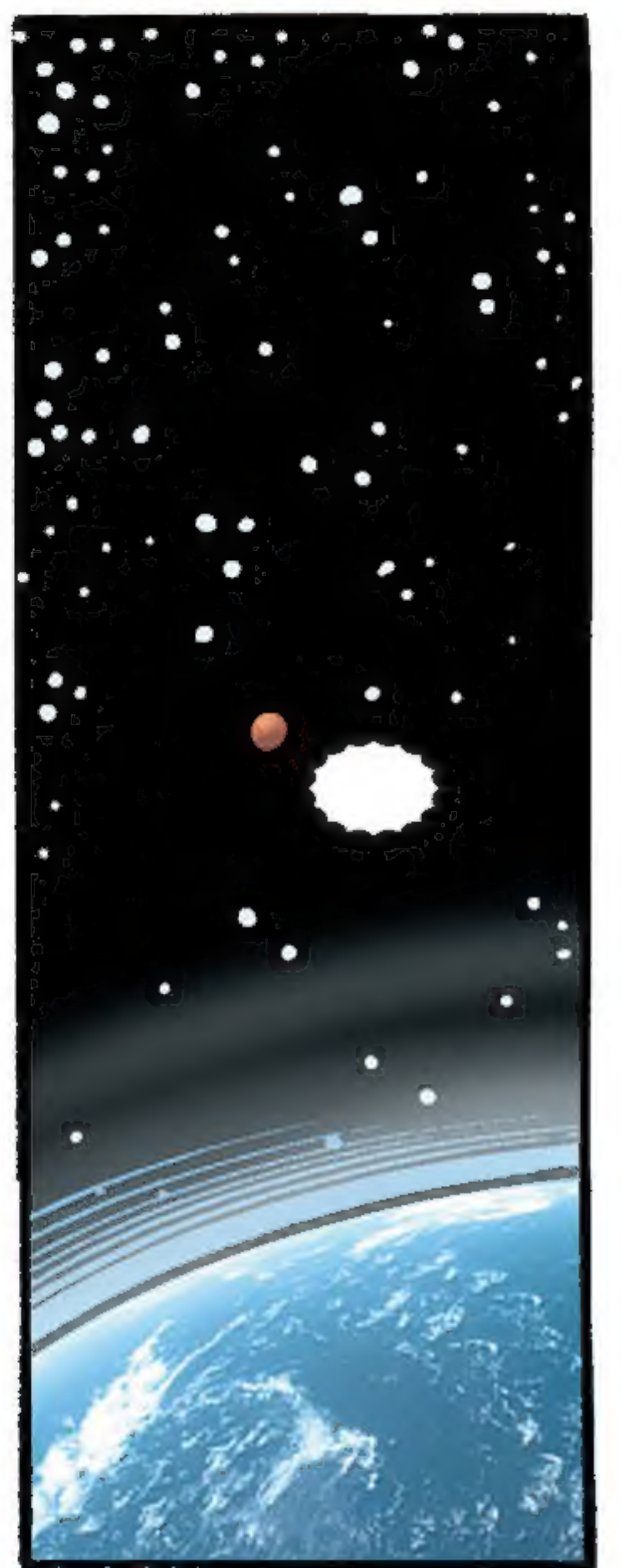
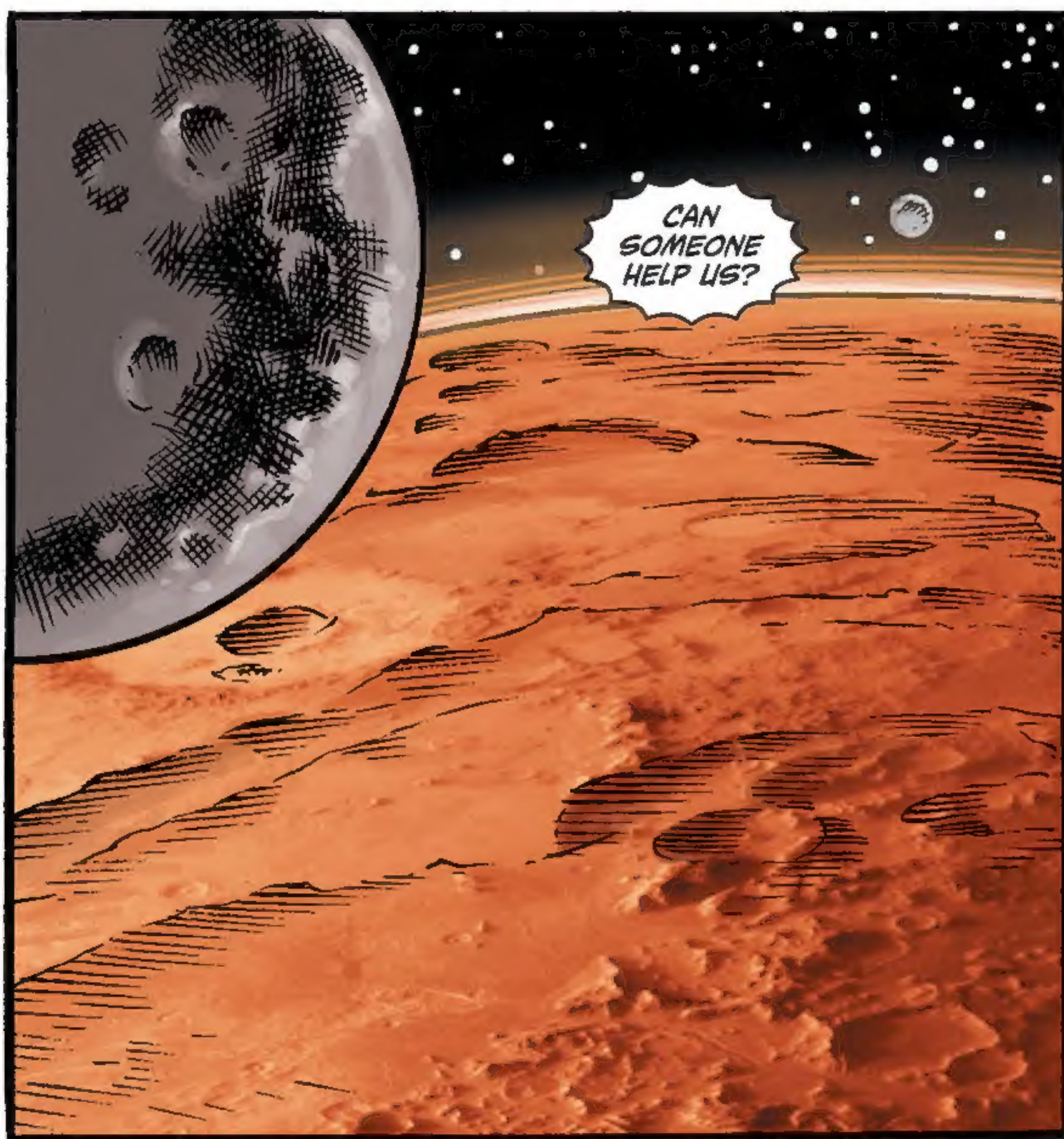
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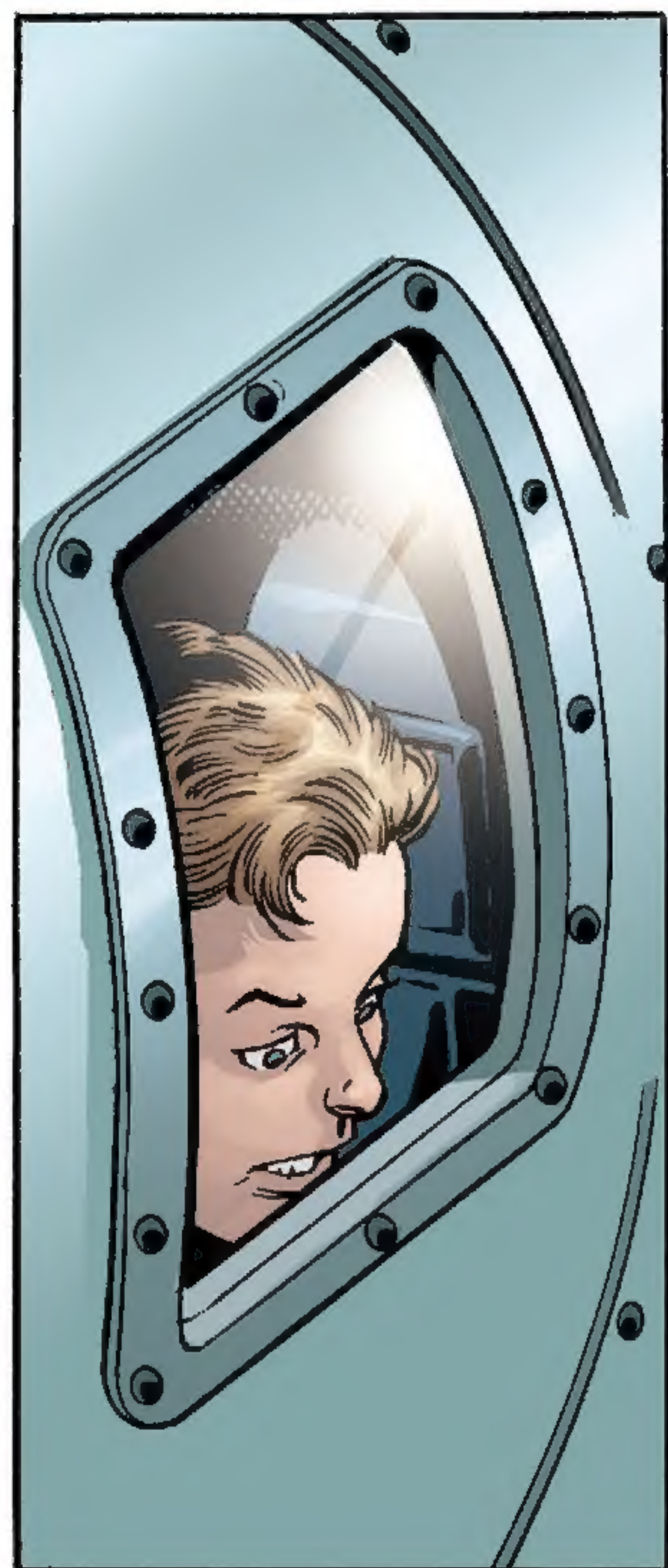
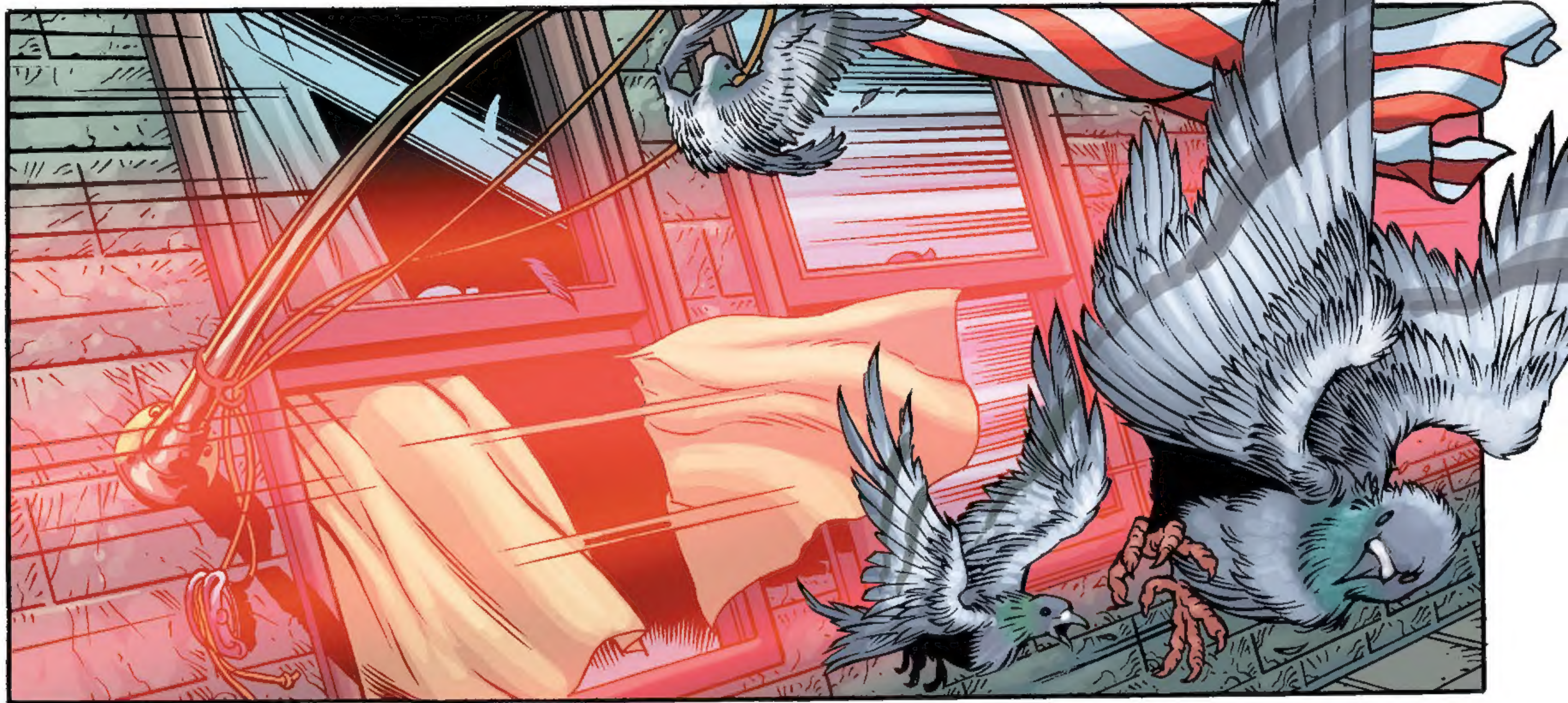
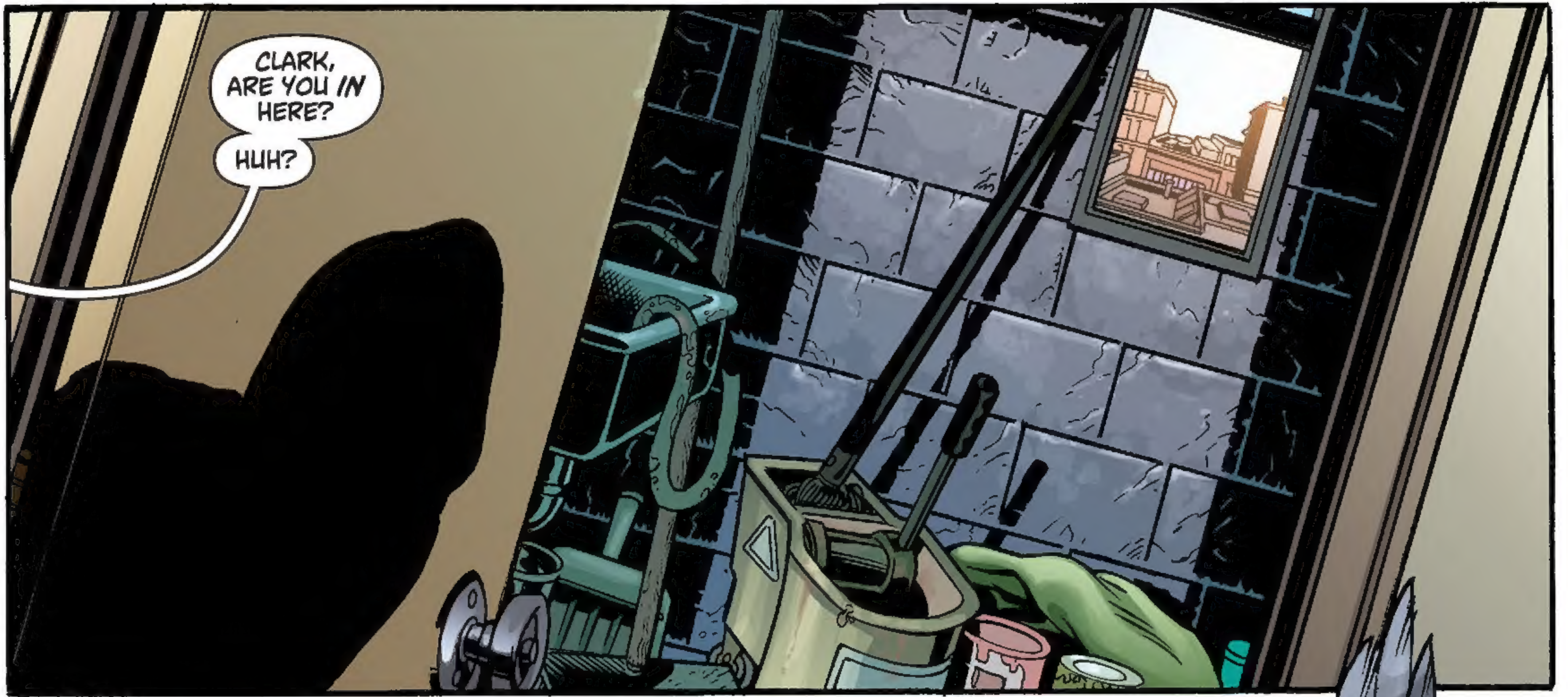
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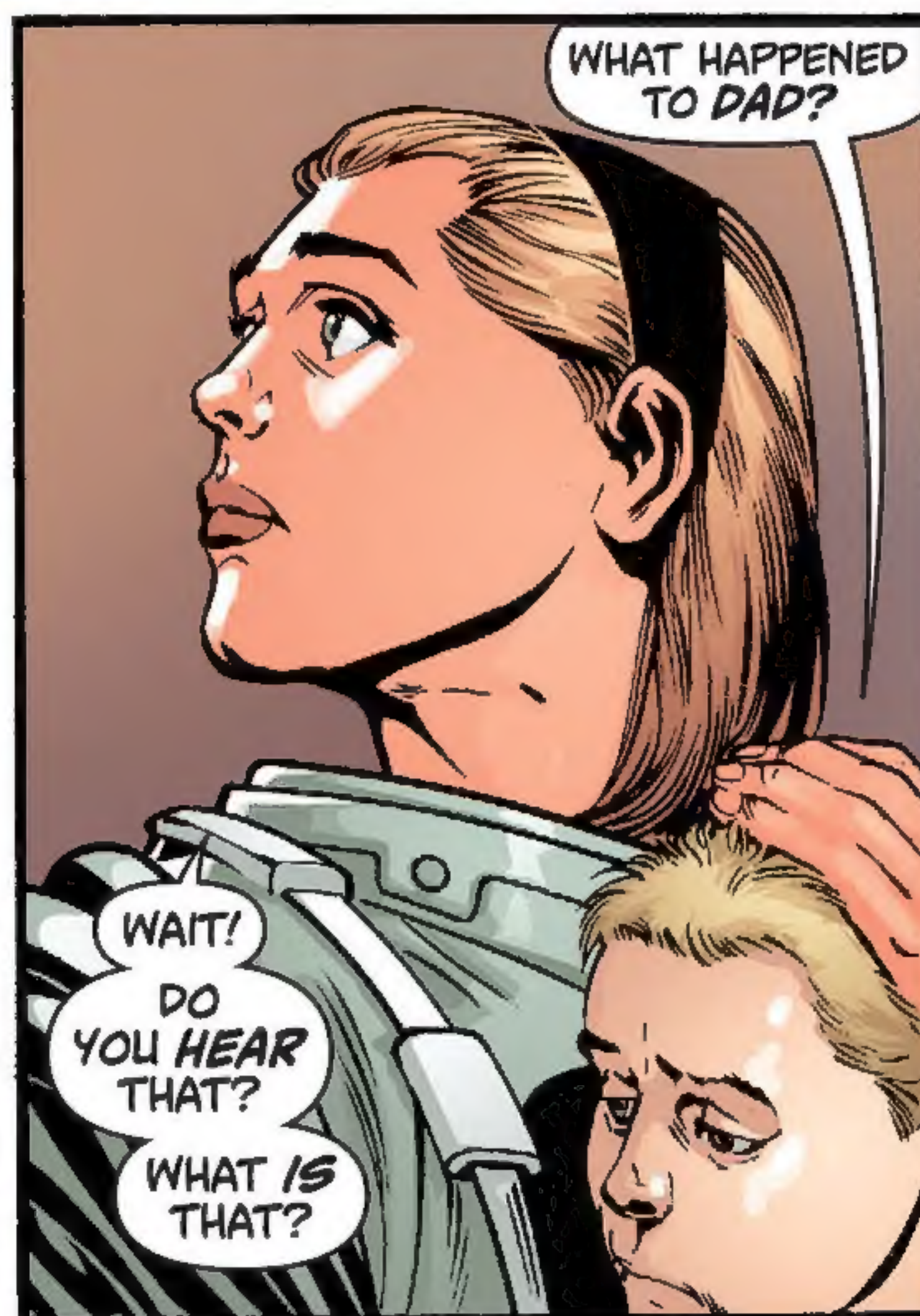
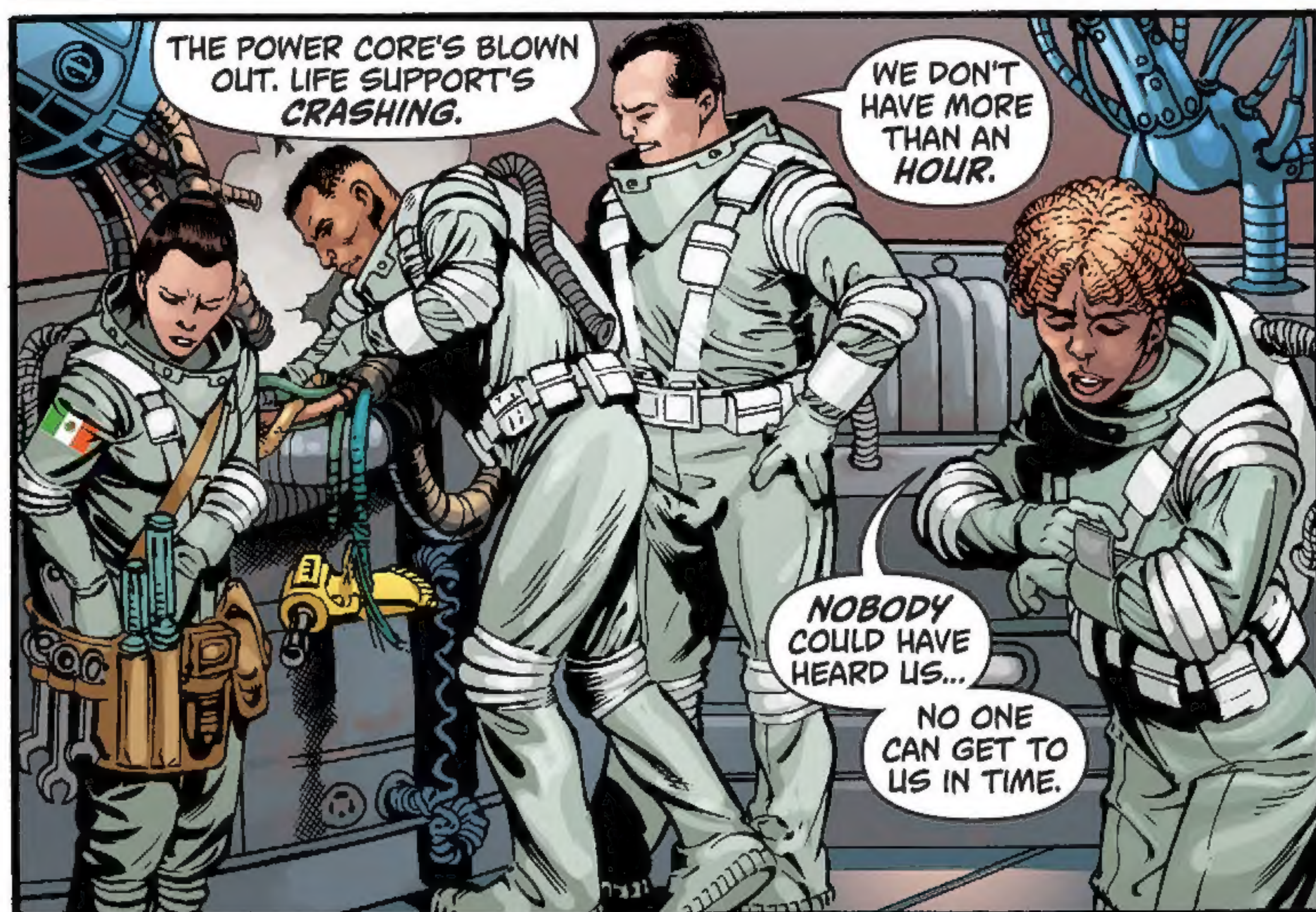
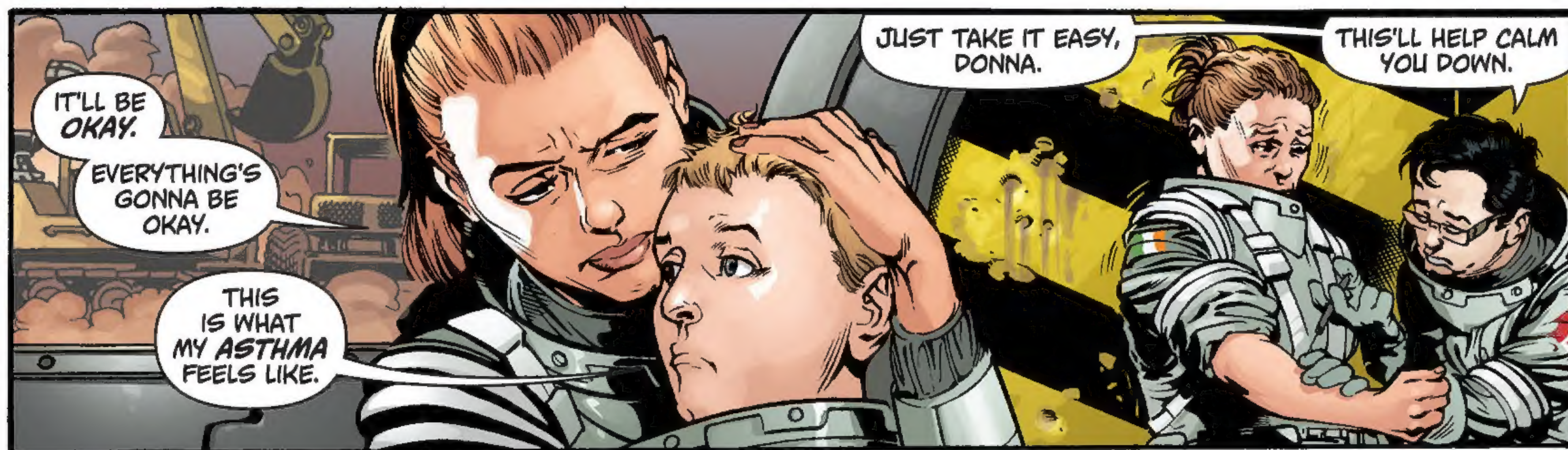
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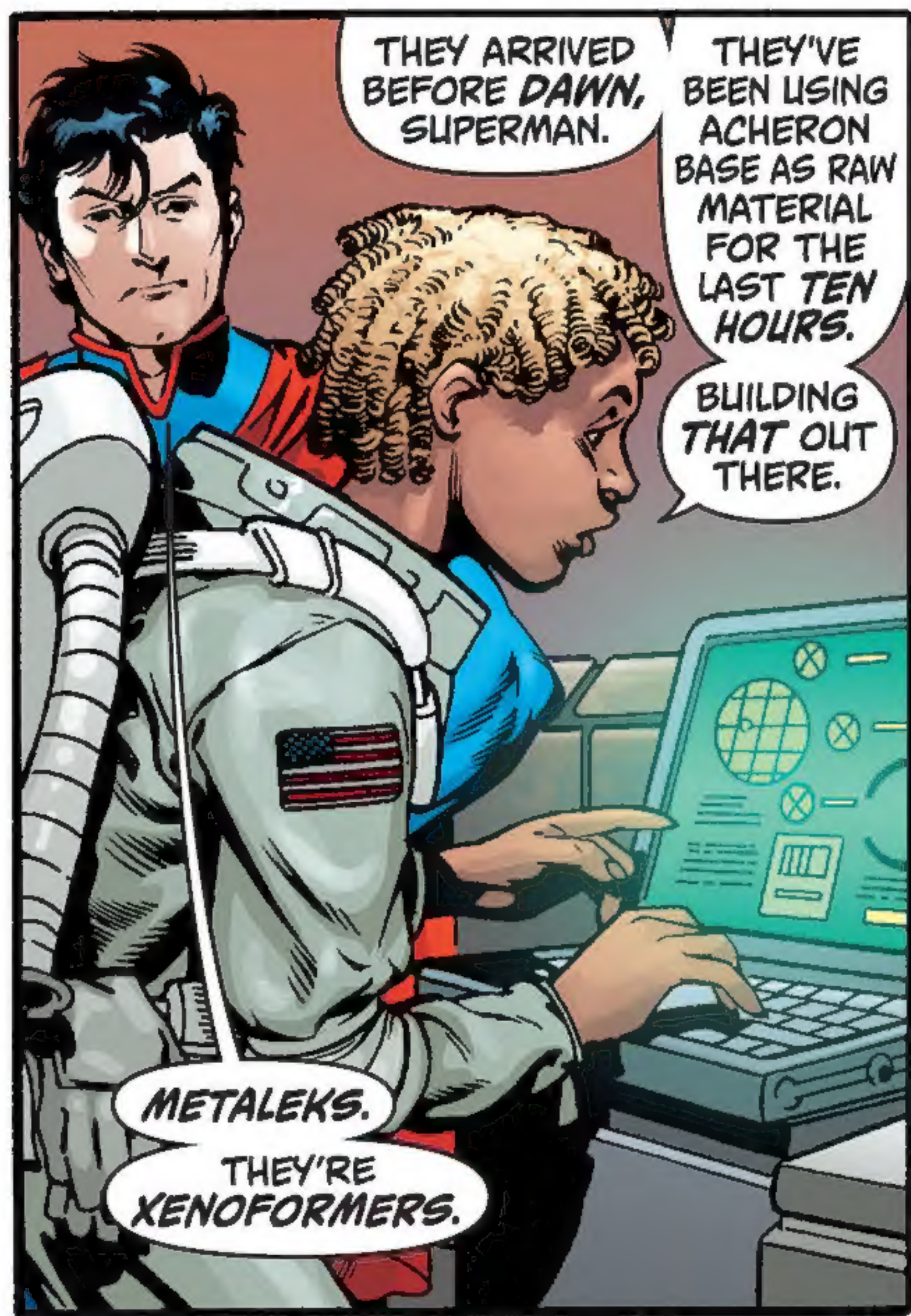


SUPERMAN'S MISSION TO MARS

GRANT MORRISON WRITER RAGS MORALES PENCILLER
MARK PROPST INKER BRAD ANDERSON COLORIST STEVE WANDS LETTERER
MORALES & ANDERSON COVER STEVE SKROCE & JASON KEITH VARIANT COVER
WIL MOSS ASSOCIATE EDITOR MATT IDELSON EDITOR
SUPERMAN CREATED BY JERRY SIEGEL & JOE SHUSTER



THEY'VE STOPPED BUILDING--AT LEAST FOR NOW.



THEY ARRIVED BEFORE DAWN, SUPERMAN.

THEY'VE BEEN USING ACHERON BASE AS RAW MATERIAL FOR THE LAST TEN HOURS.

BUILDING THAT OUT THERE.

METALEKS.
THEY'RE XENOFORMERS.



ALIEN CONSTRUCTION MACHINES, PROGRAMMED TO BUILD A NEW HOME FOR A RACE THAT NO LONGER EXISTS.

THEY'VE SENT SCOUTS TO EARTH BEFORE.

MY HUSBAND, SAM, WAS IN FOREST DOME 3 WHEN THEY BROKE THROUGH, SUPERMAN. PROFESSOR CHANDRA TOO.

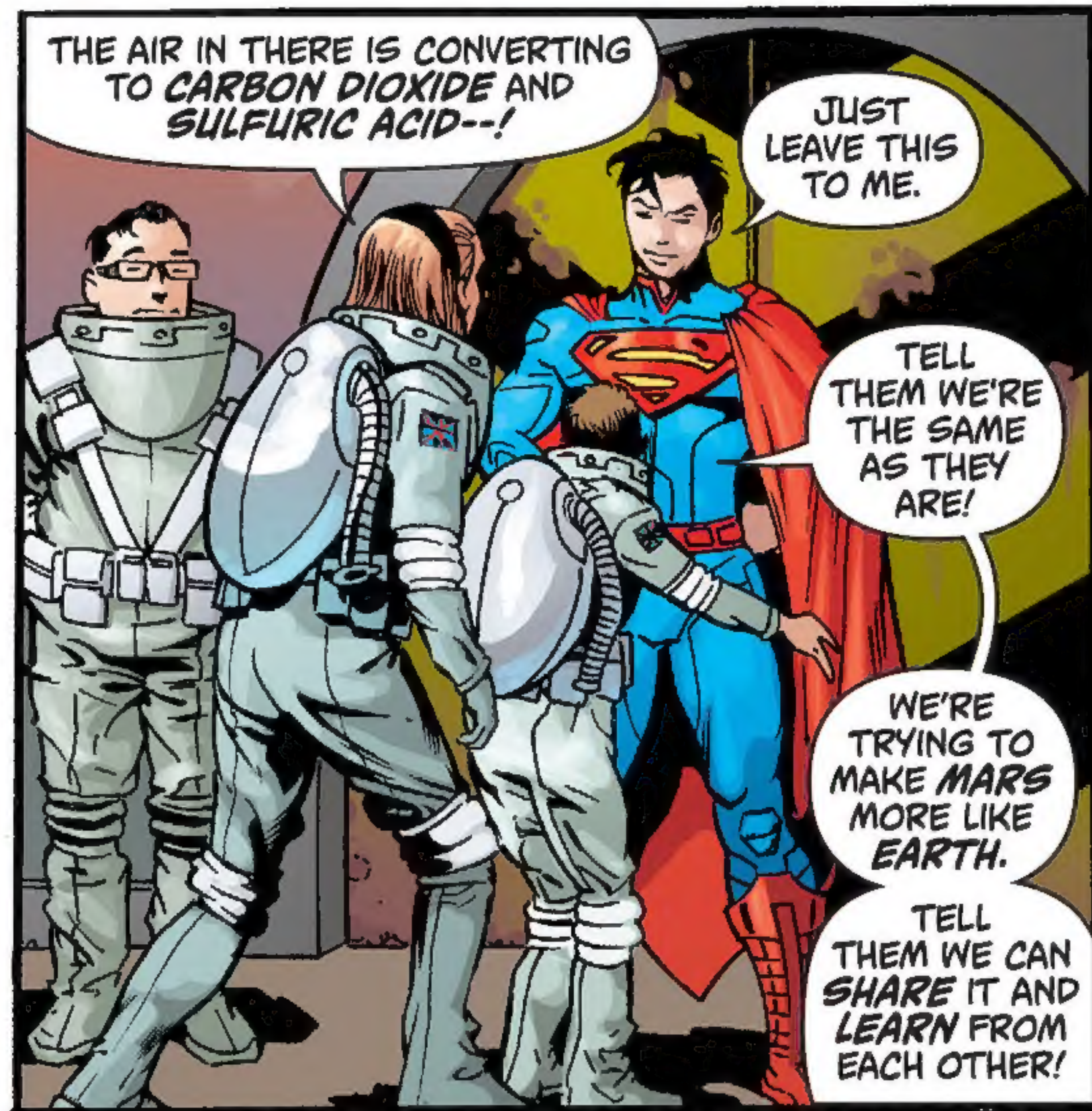
AND THERE WAS SOMEONE ELSE...



I'LL FIND THEM.

AND I'LL GET YOU ALL SAFELY HOME.

I PROMISE.



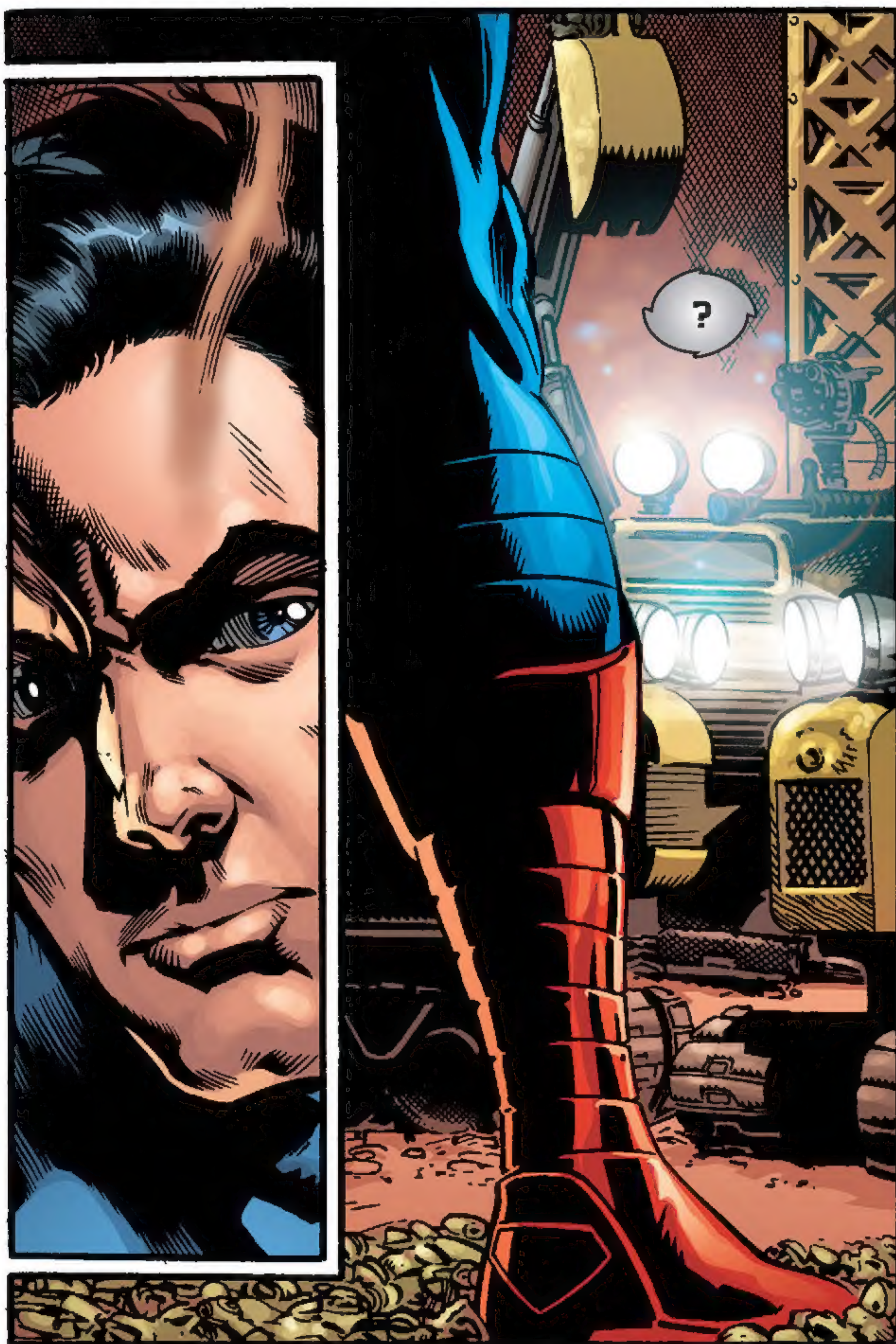
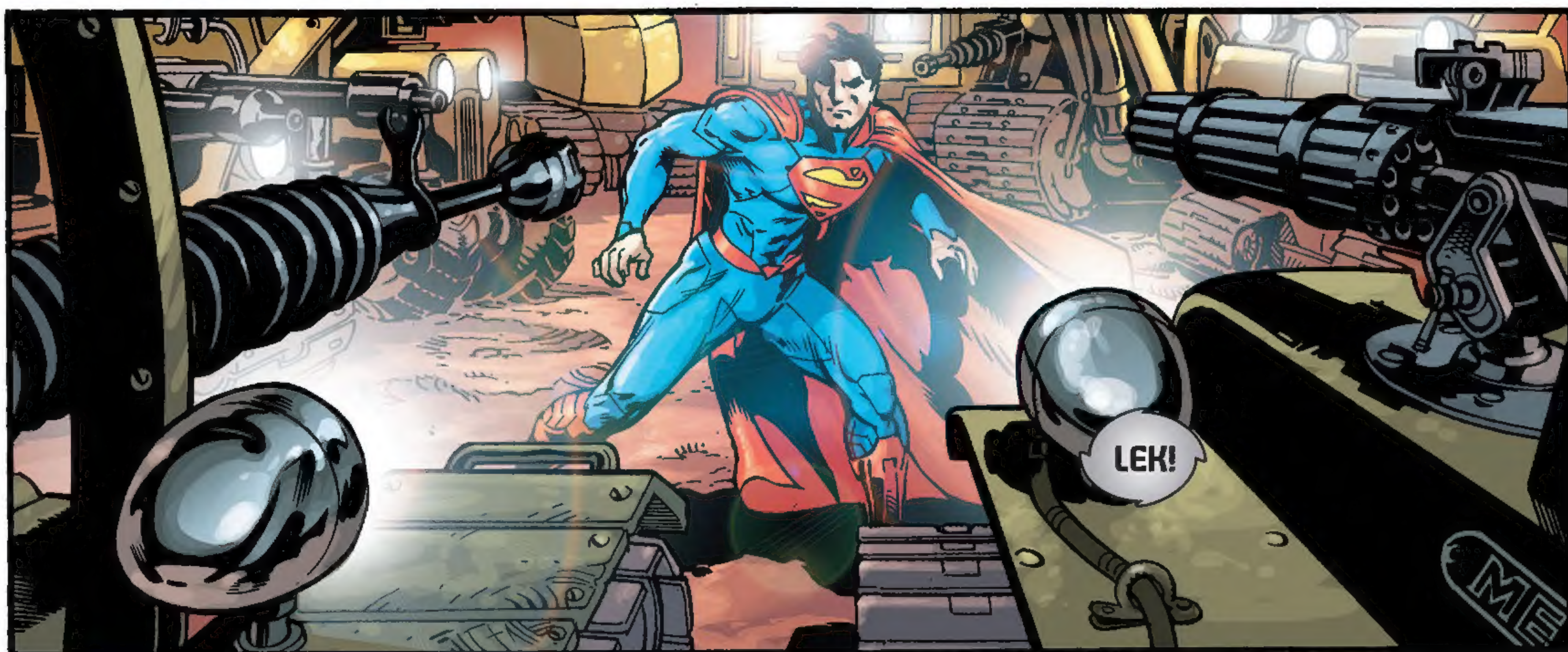
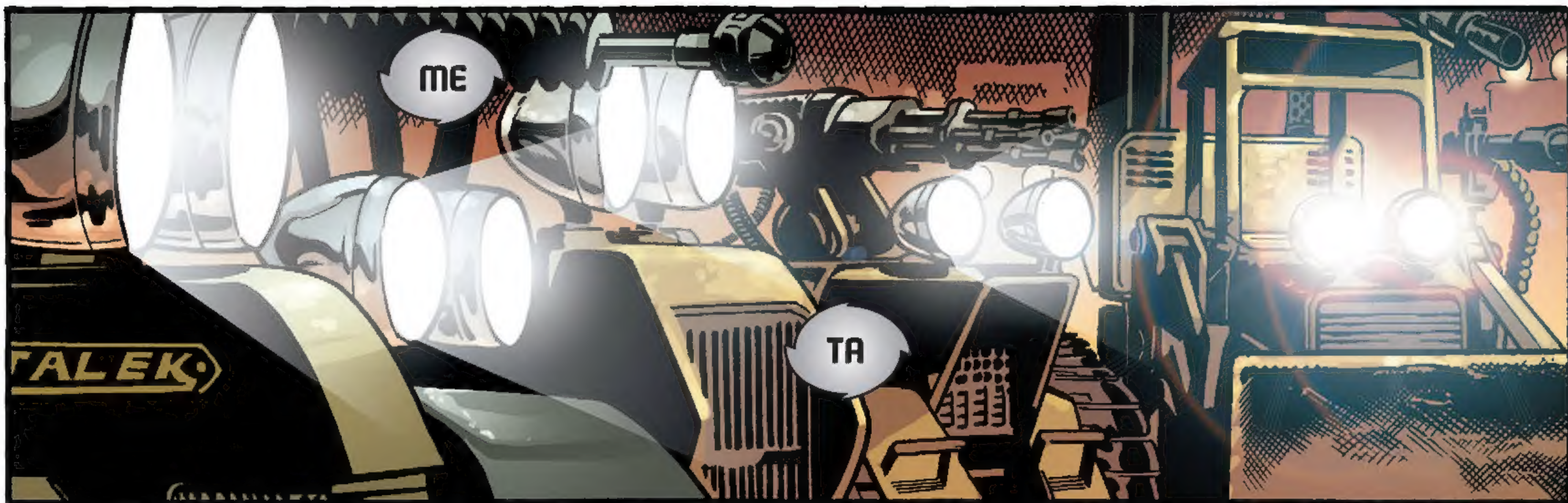
THE AIR IN THERE IS CONVERTING TO CARBON DIOXIDE AND SULFURIC ACID--!

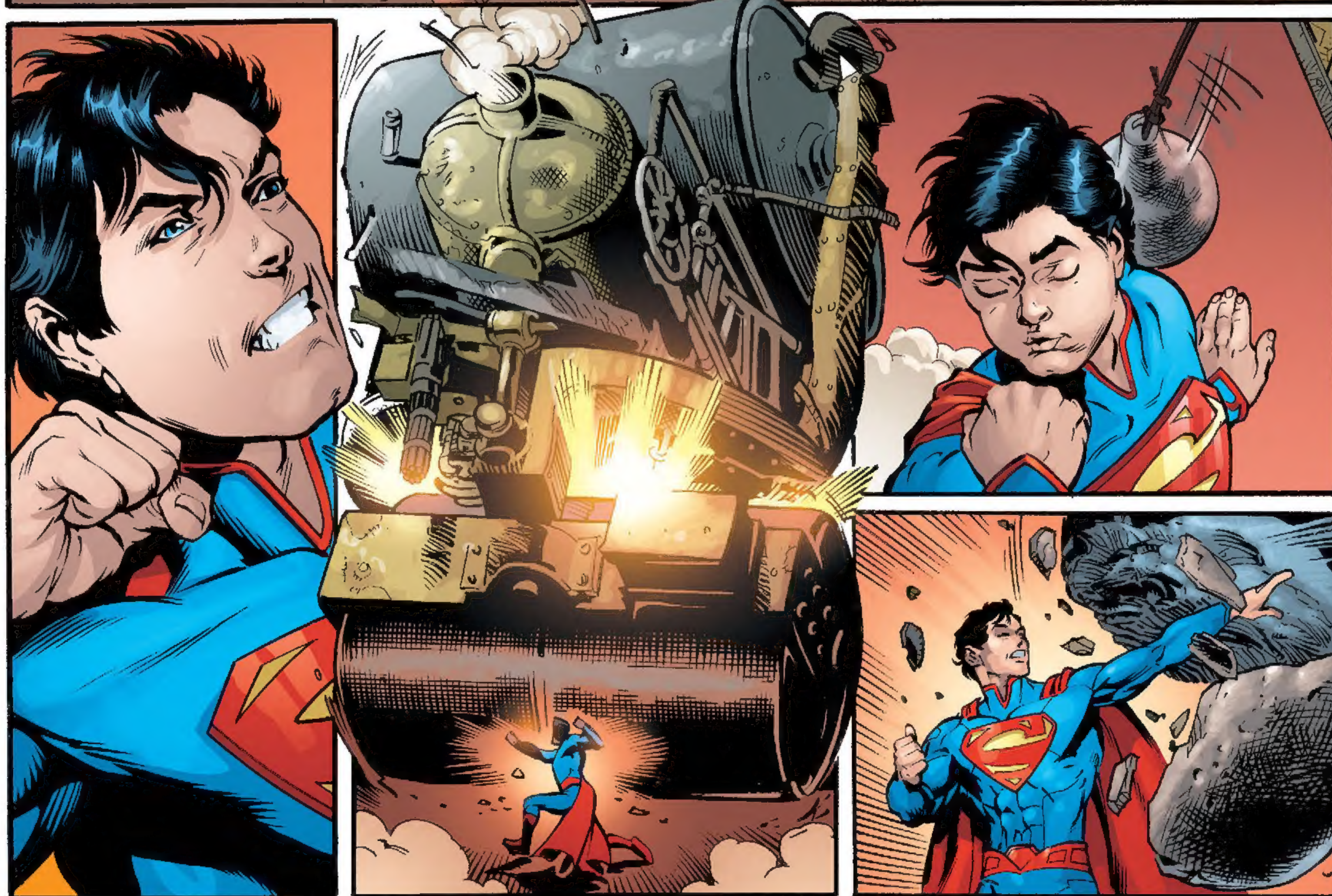
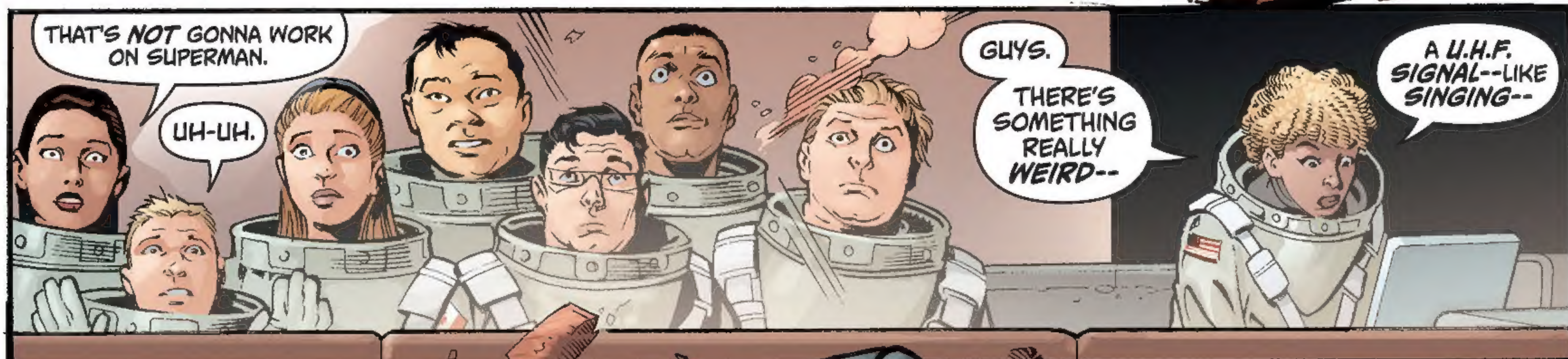
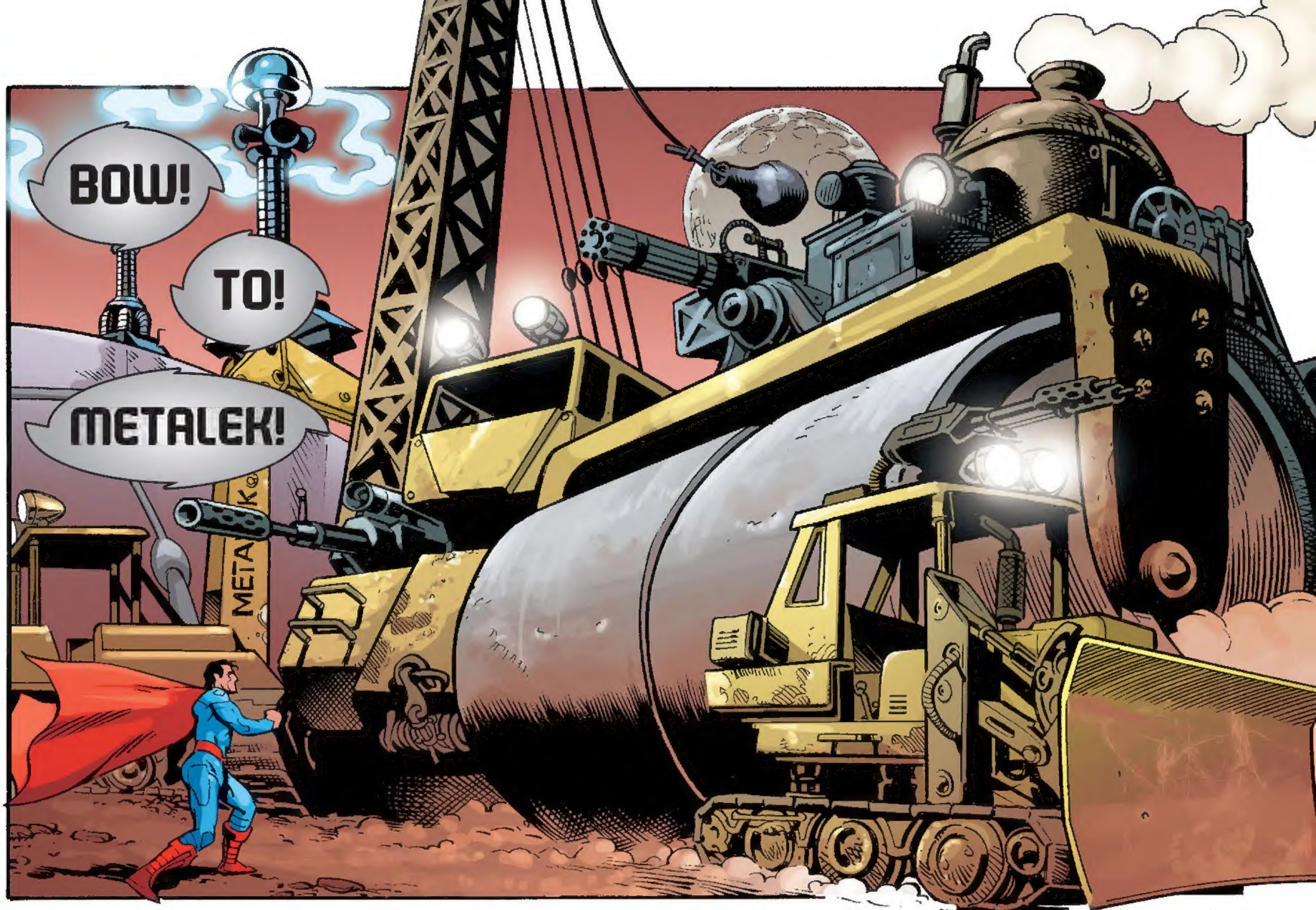
JUST LEAVE THIS TO ME.

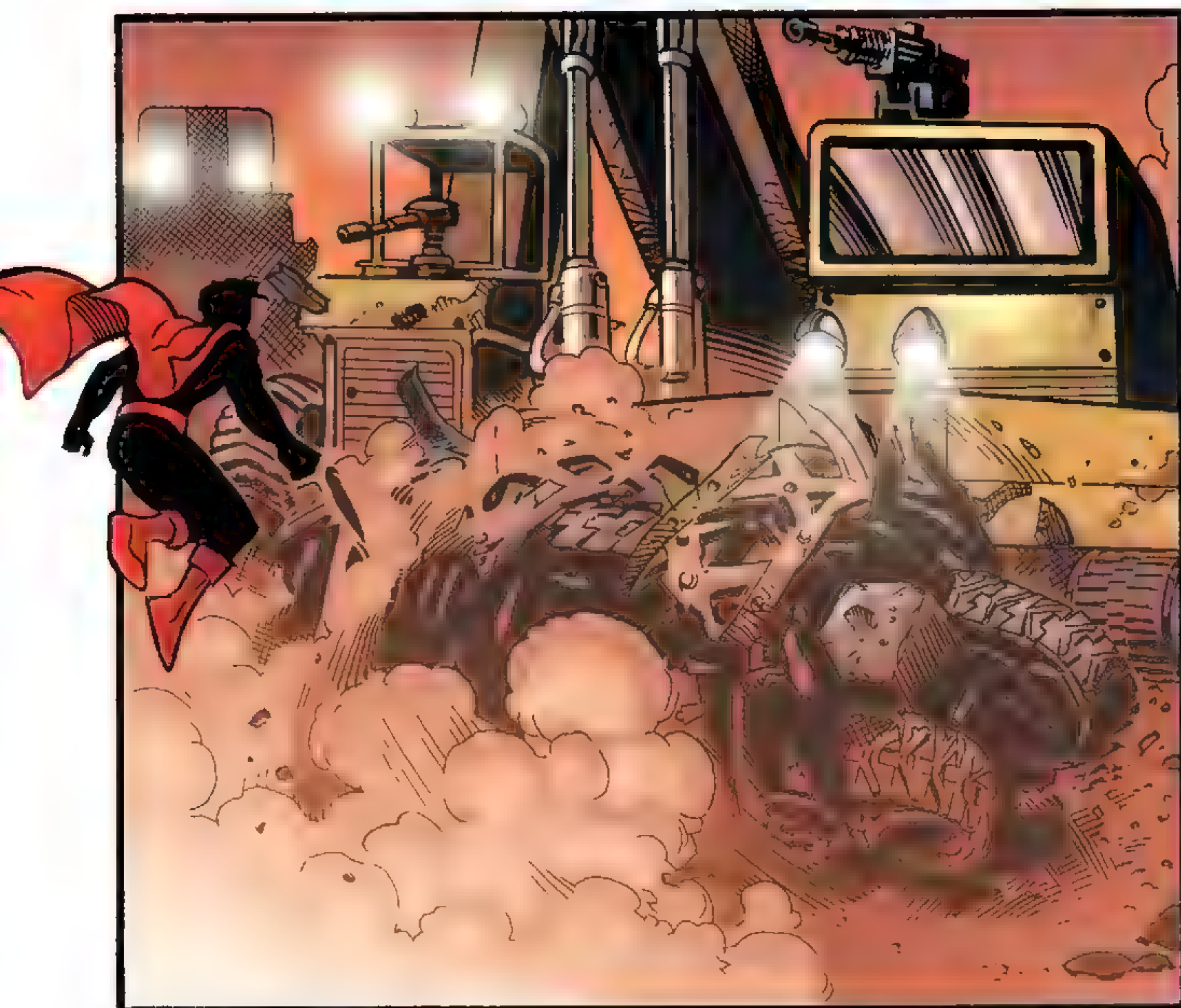
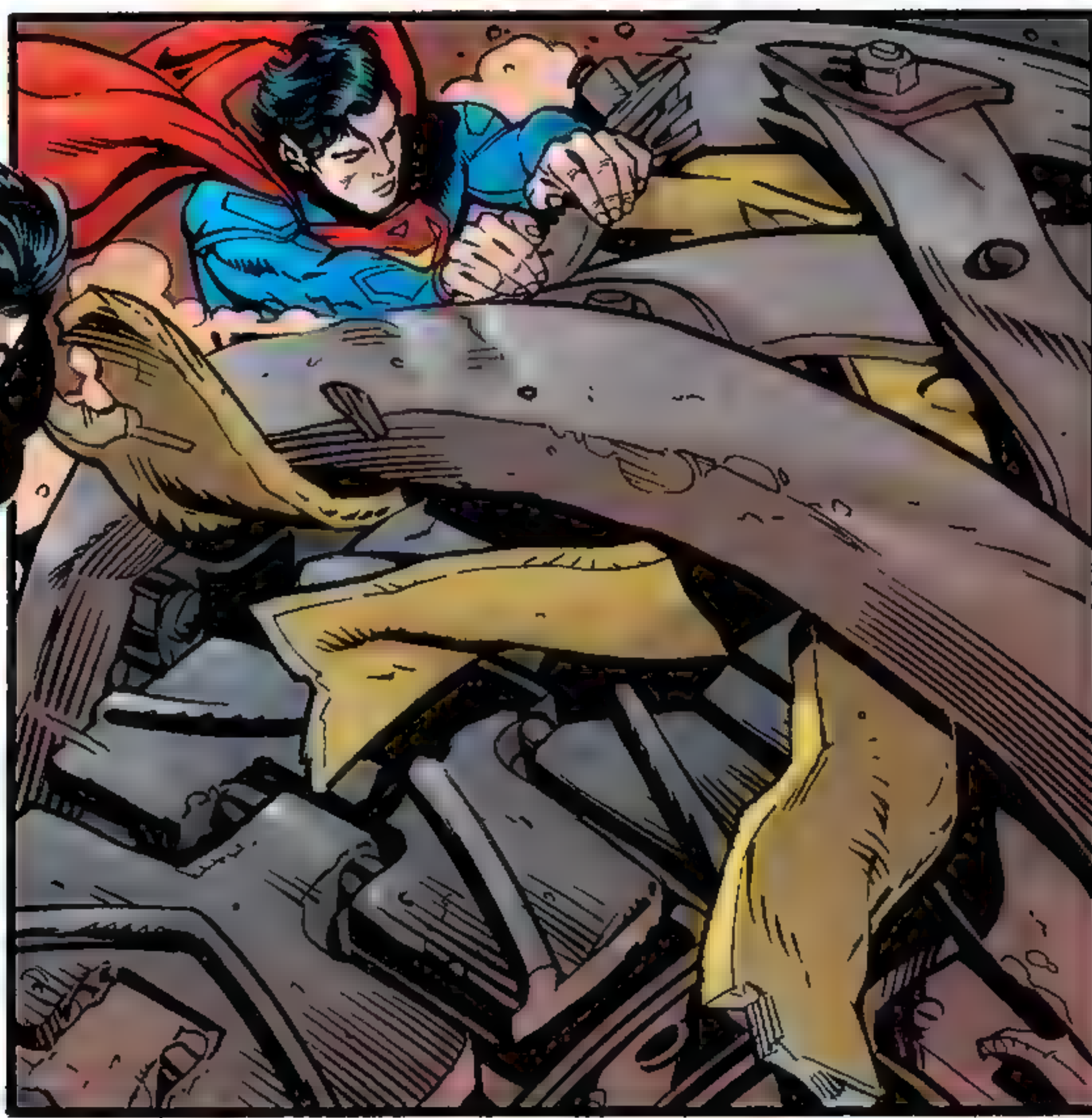
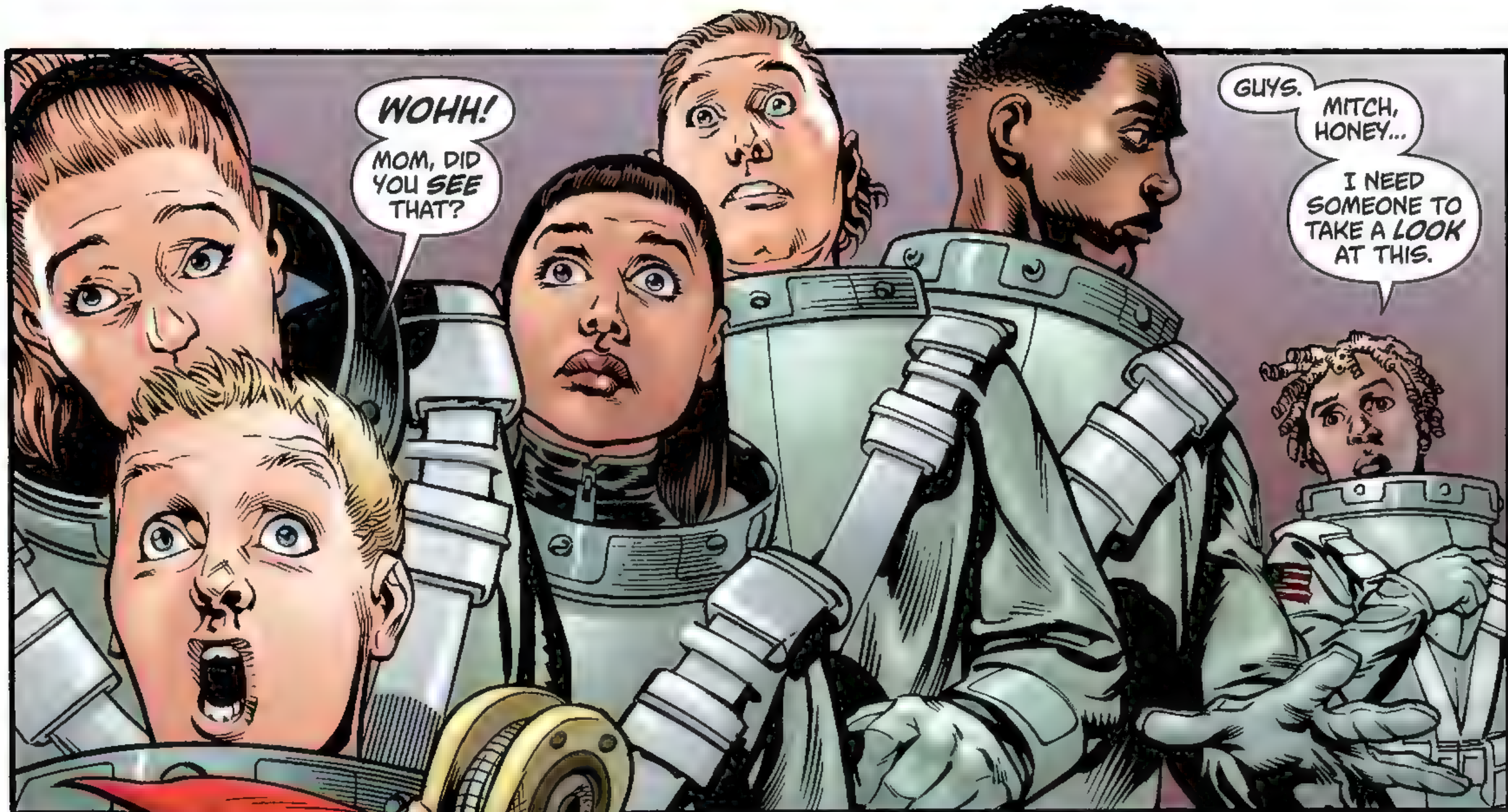
TELL THEM WE'RE THE SAME AS THEY ARE!

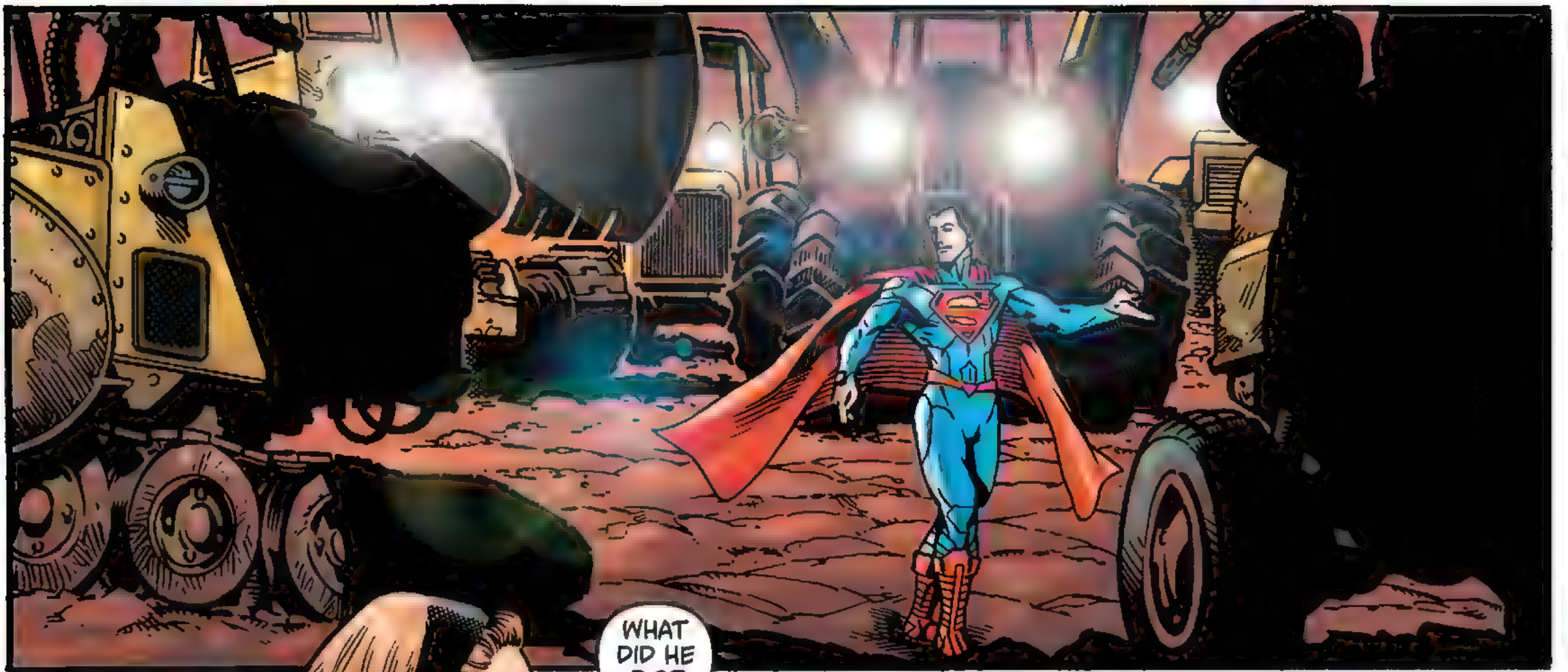
WE'RE TRYING TO MAKE MARS MORE LIKE EARTH.

TELL THEM WE CAN SHARE IT AND LEARN FROM EACH OTHER!

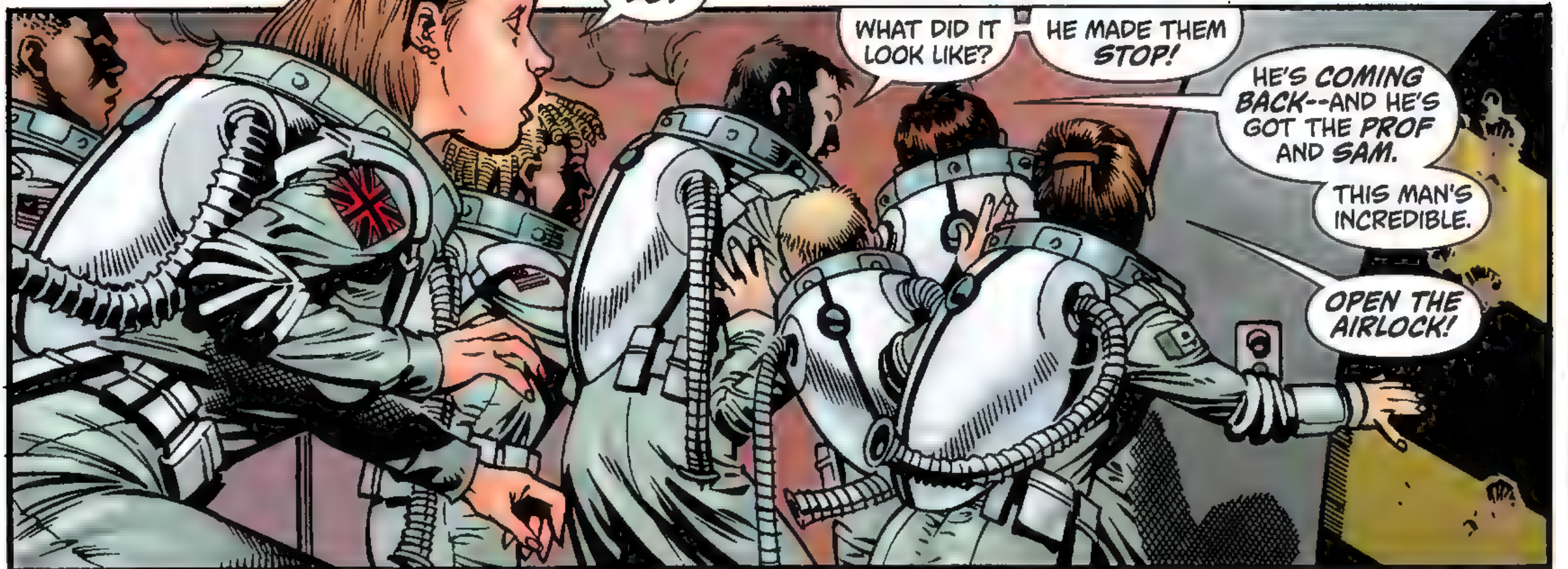








WHAT DID HE DO?



WHAT DID IT LOOK LIKE?

HE MADE THEM STOP!

HE'S COMING BACK--AND HE'S GOT THE PROF AND SAM.

THIS MAN'S INCREDIBLE.

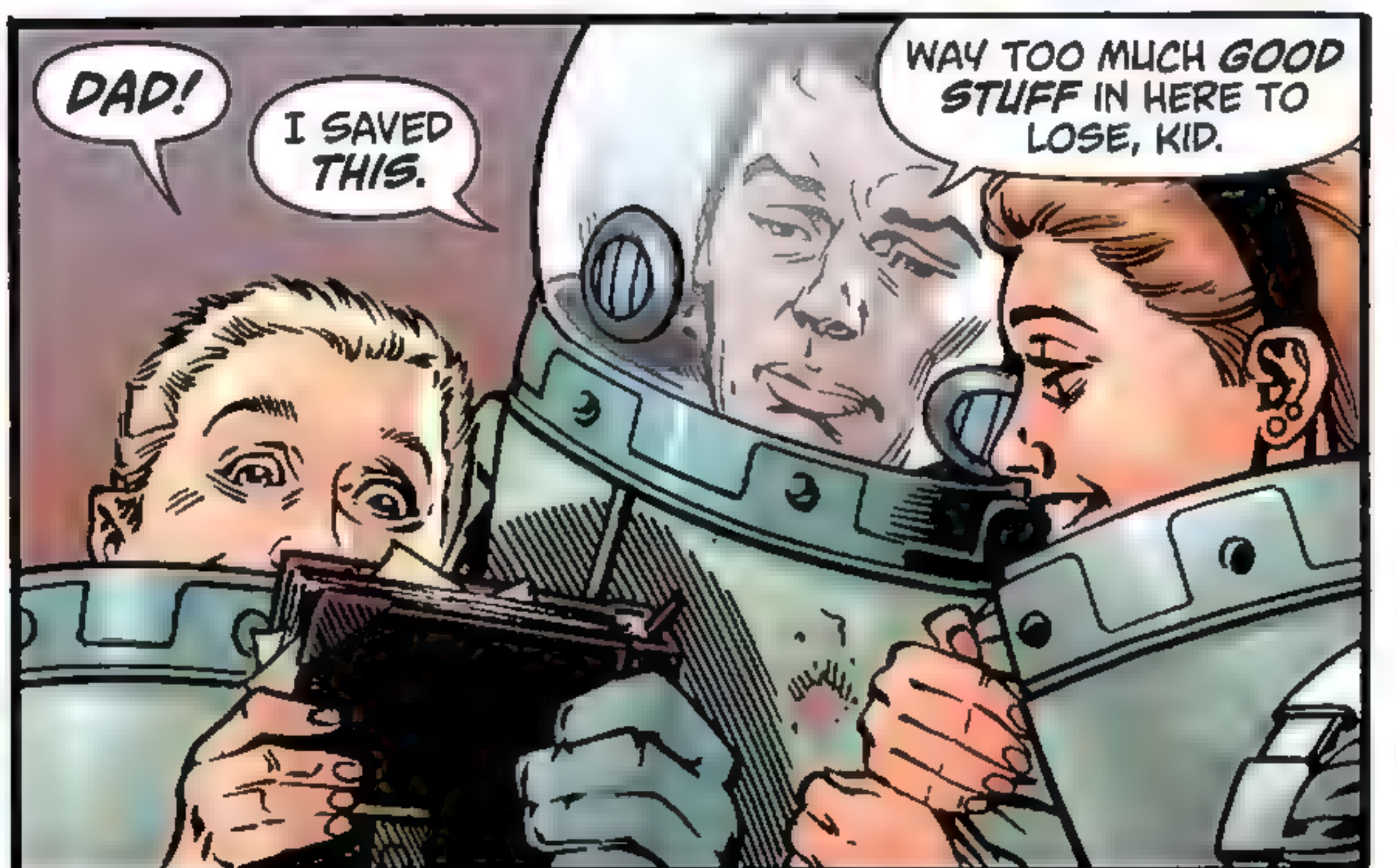
OPEN THE AIRLOCK!



I GAVE THEM YOUR MESSAGE, NOAH.

THEY GAVE ME YOUR DAD BACK.

I DIDN'T SEE ANY SIGN OF A THIRD PERSON, THOUGH.



DAD!

I SAVED THIS.

WAY TOO MUCH GOOD STUFF IN HERE TO LOSE, KID.



WE'RE NOT OUT OF THE WOODS YET.

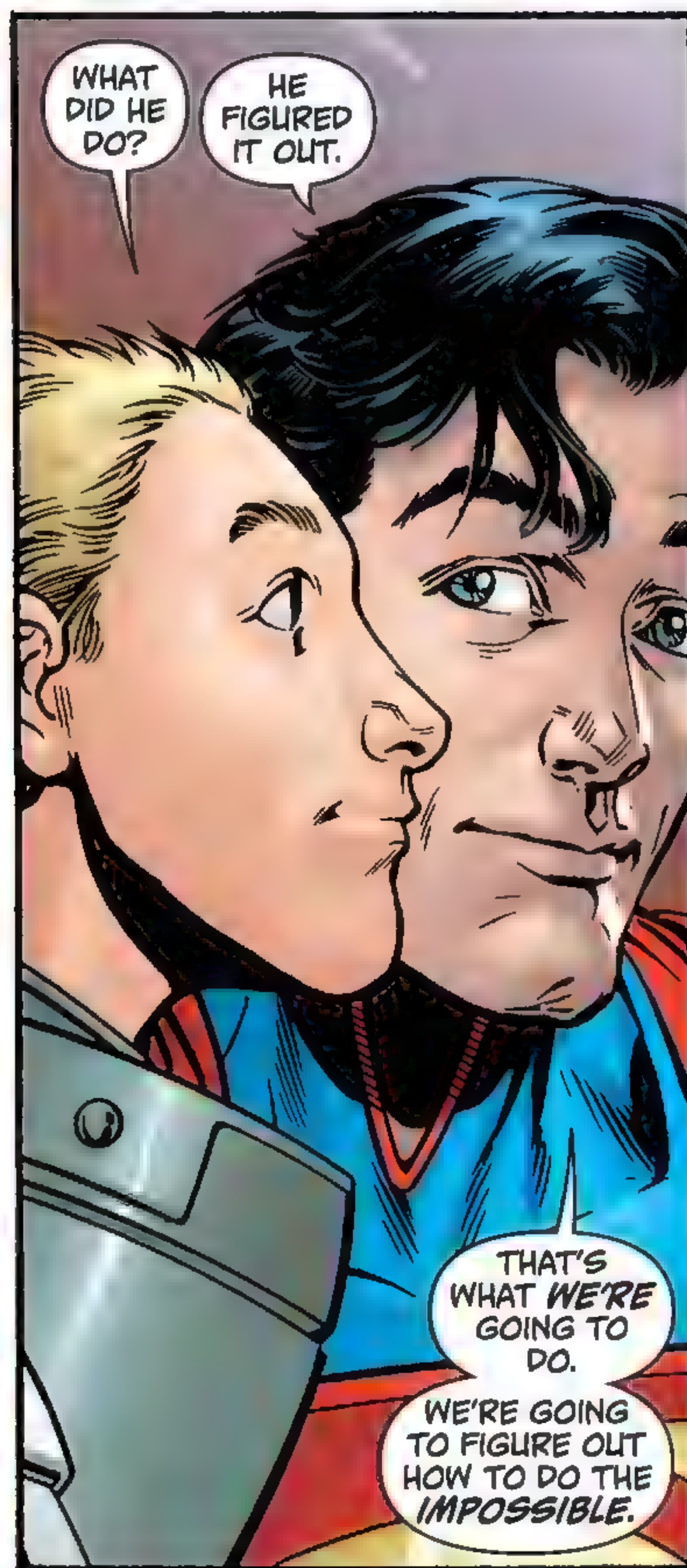
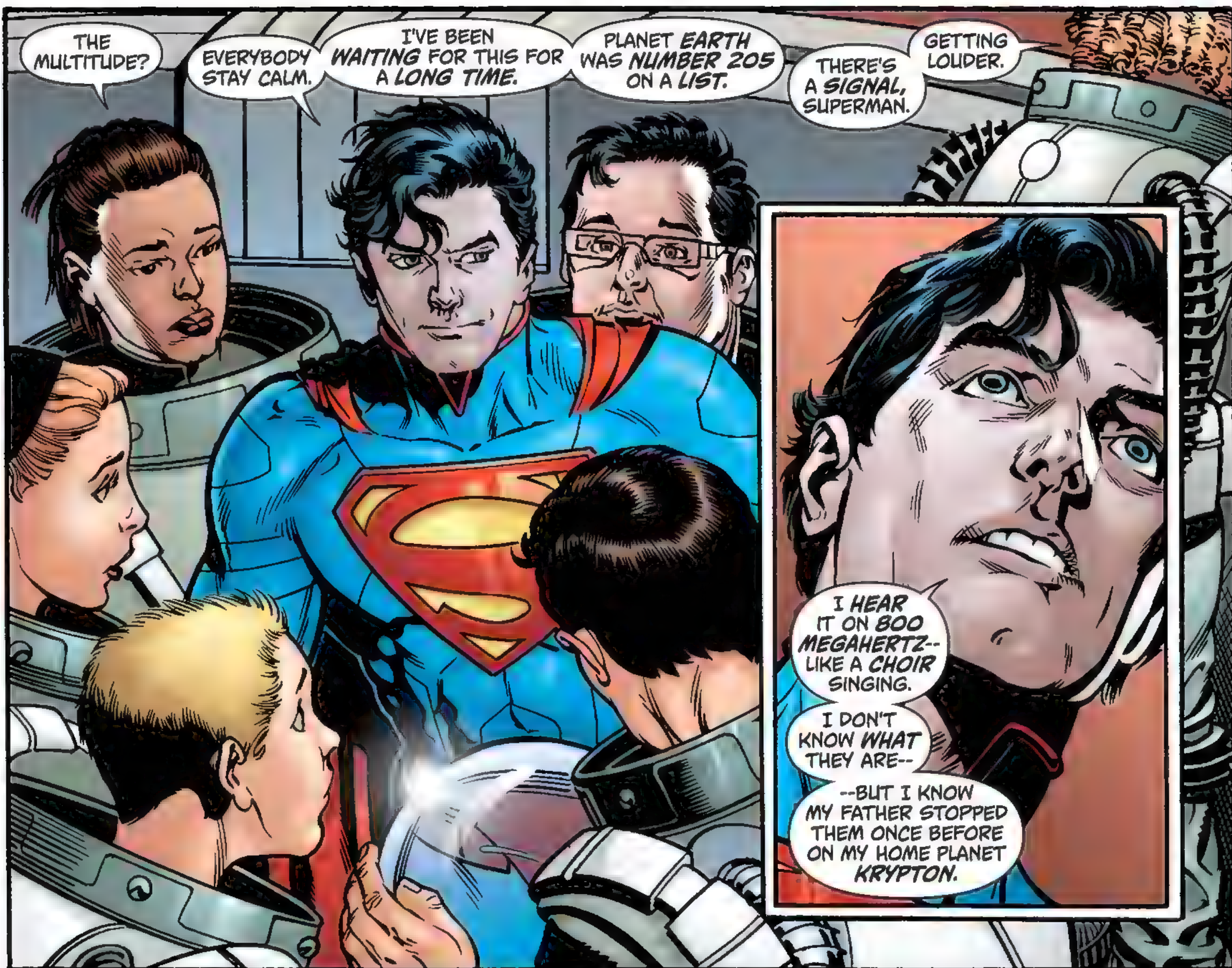
THE METALEKS HAVE BEEN RUNNING FROM SOMETHING THAT DESTROYED THEIR HOME PLANET CENTURIES AGO.

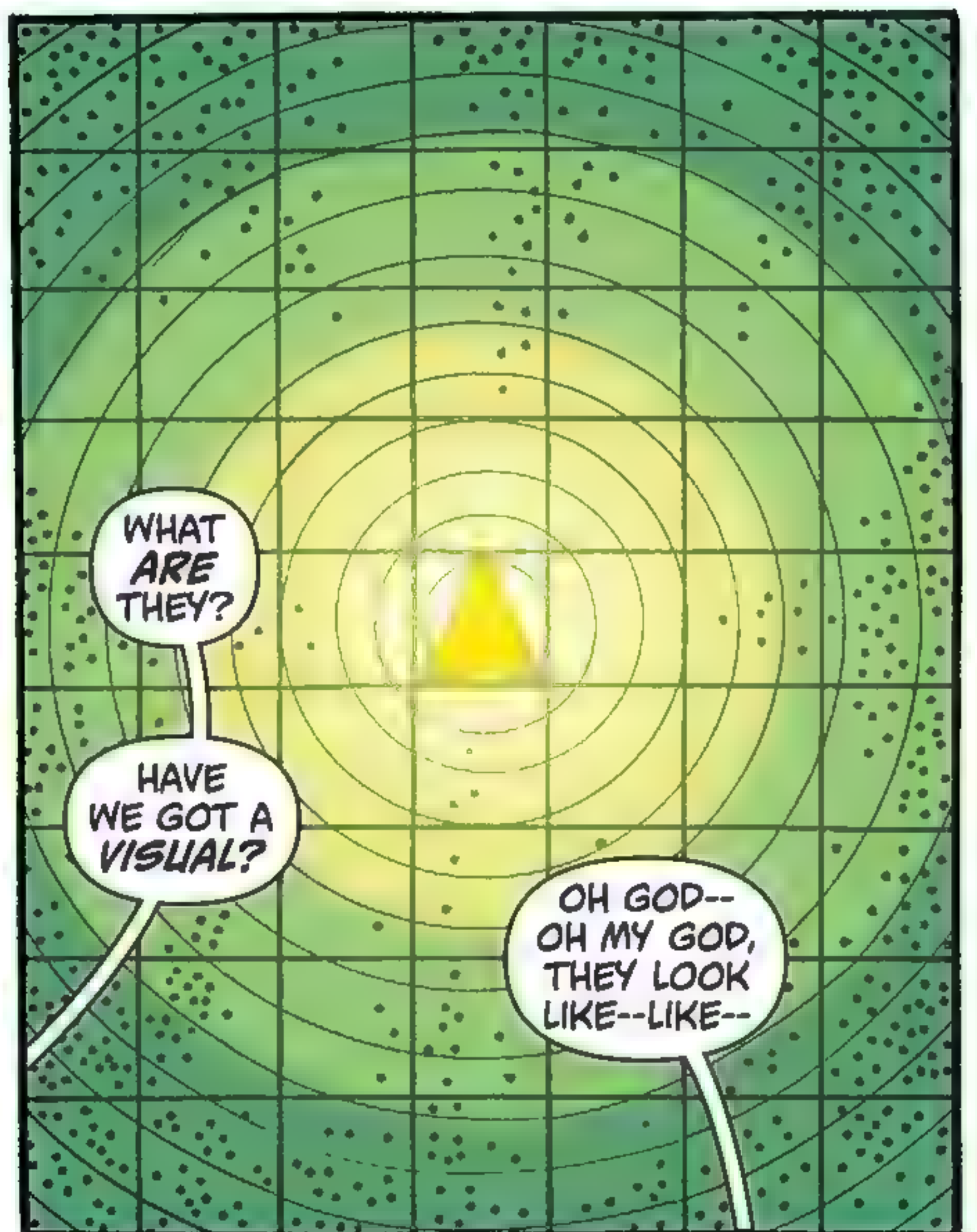
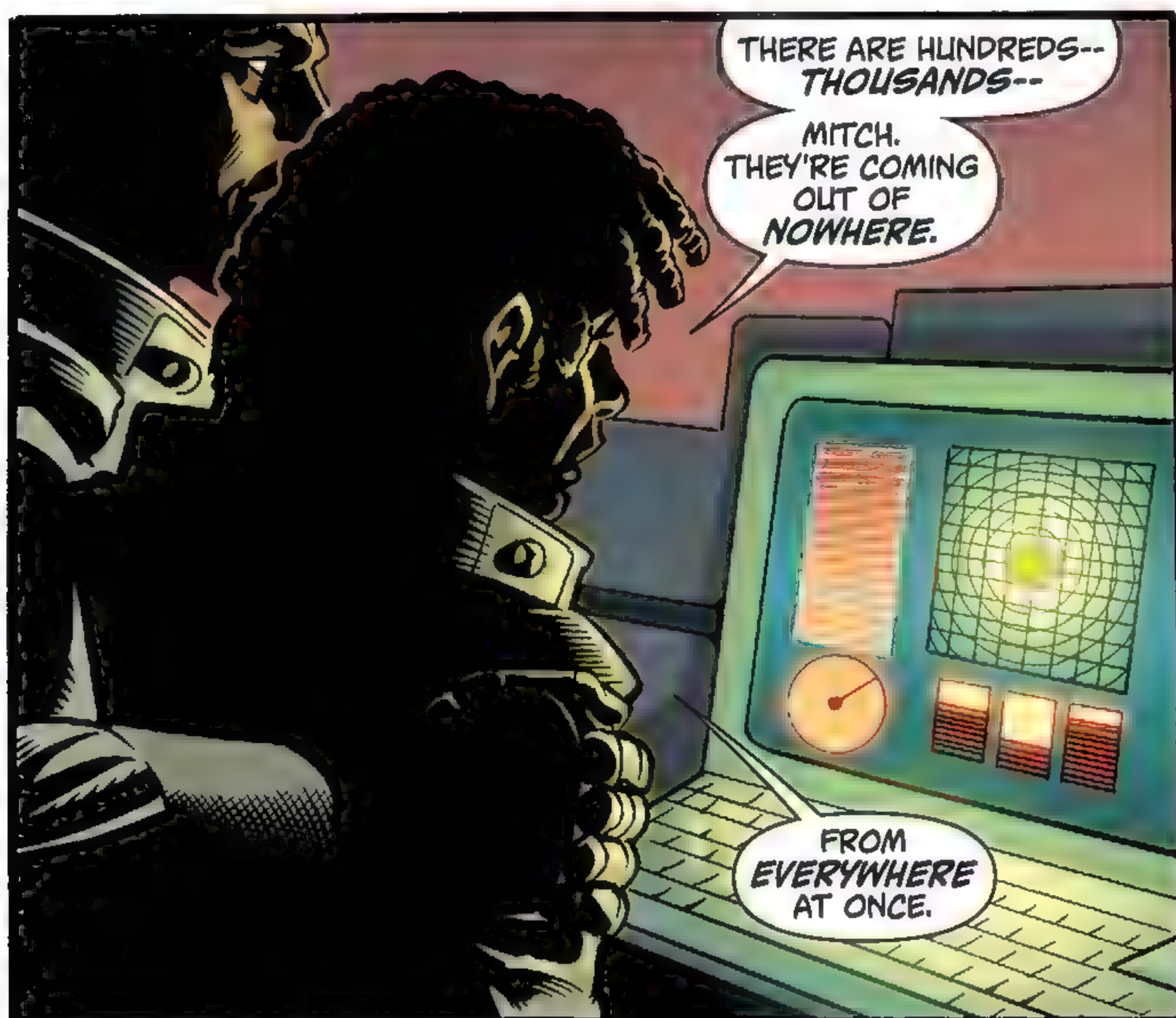
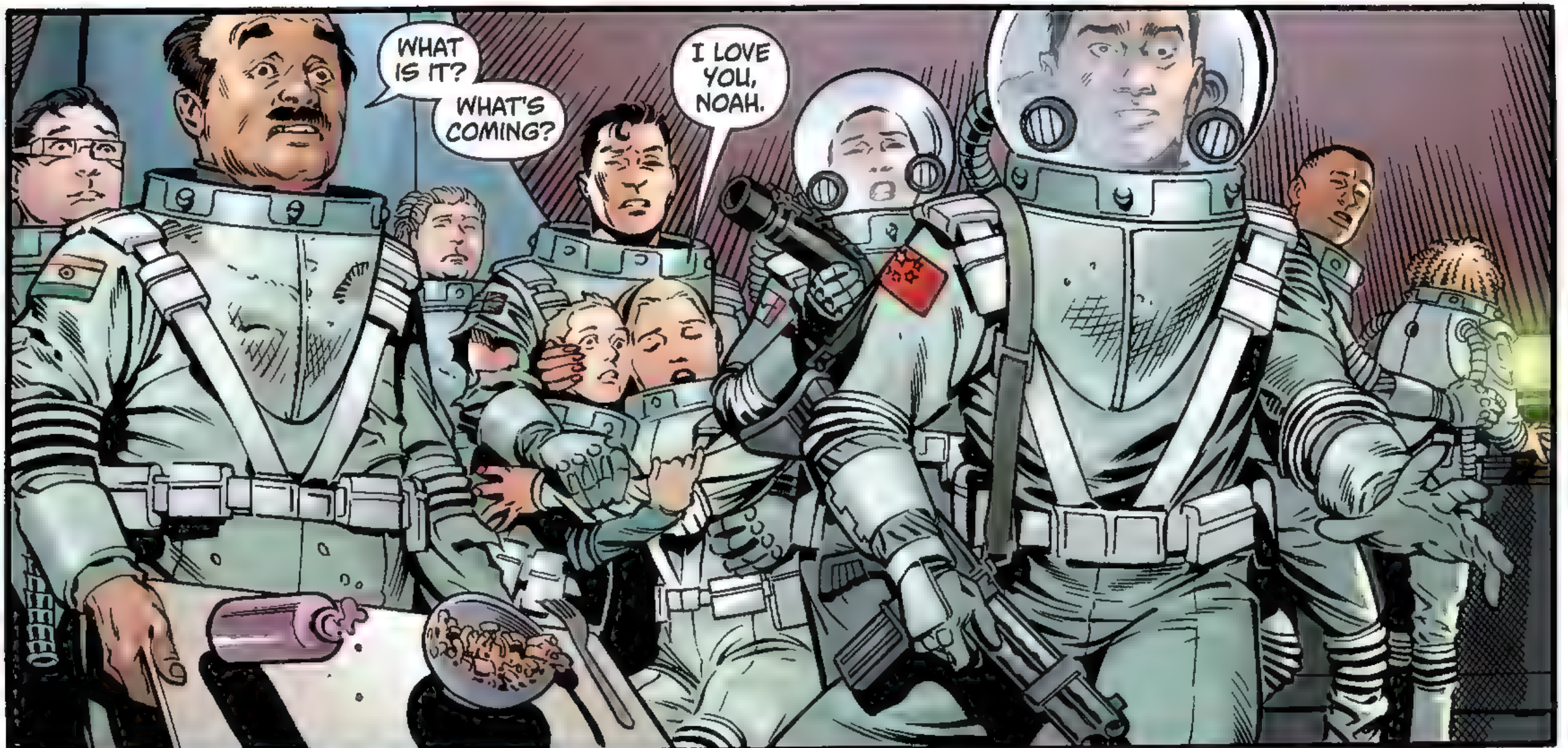
THE MULTITUDE.

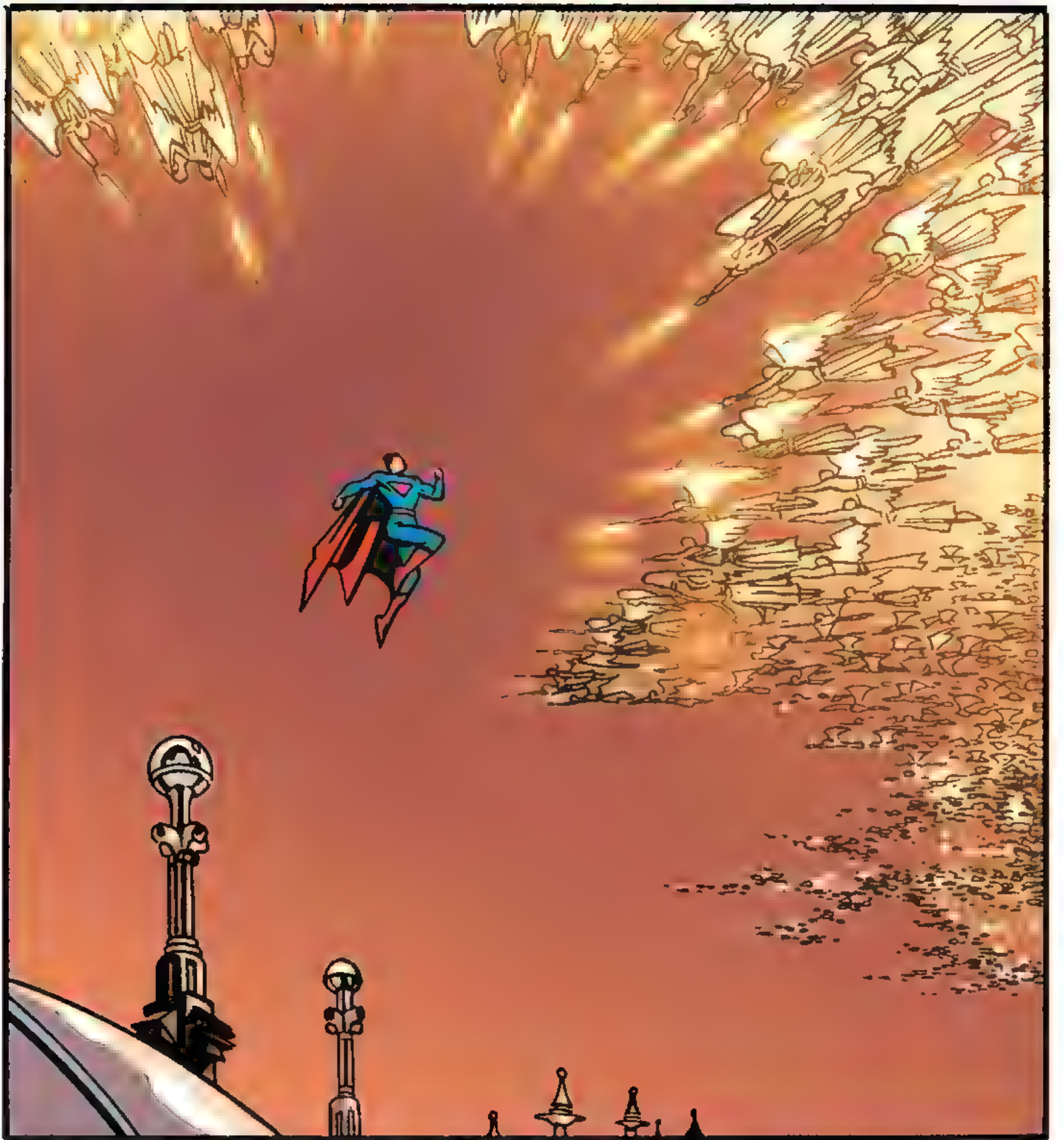


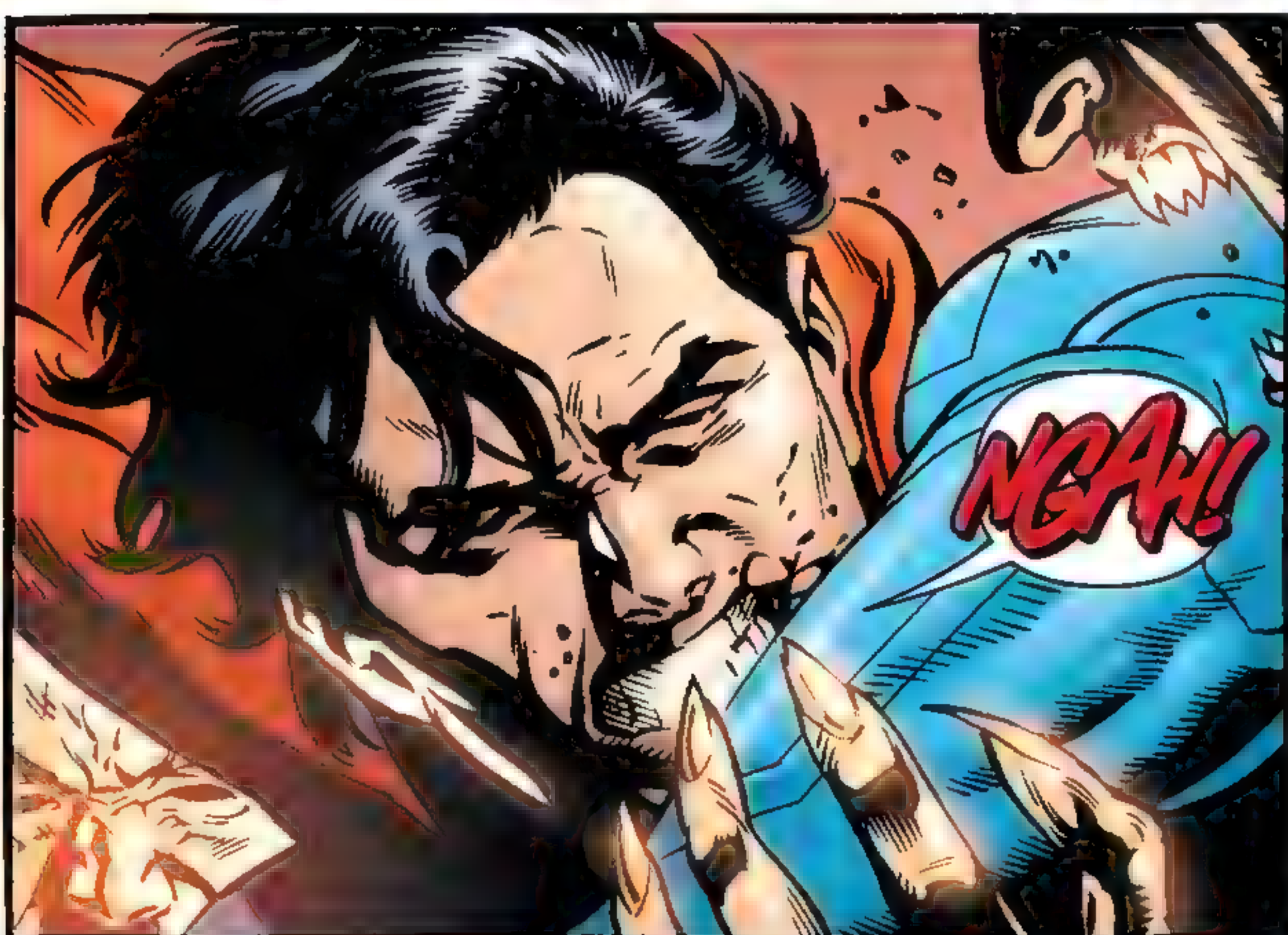
IT'S COMING THIS WAY, FOLKS, AND IF WE CAN'T STOP IT...

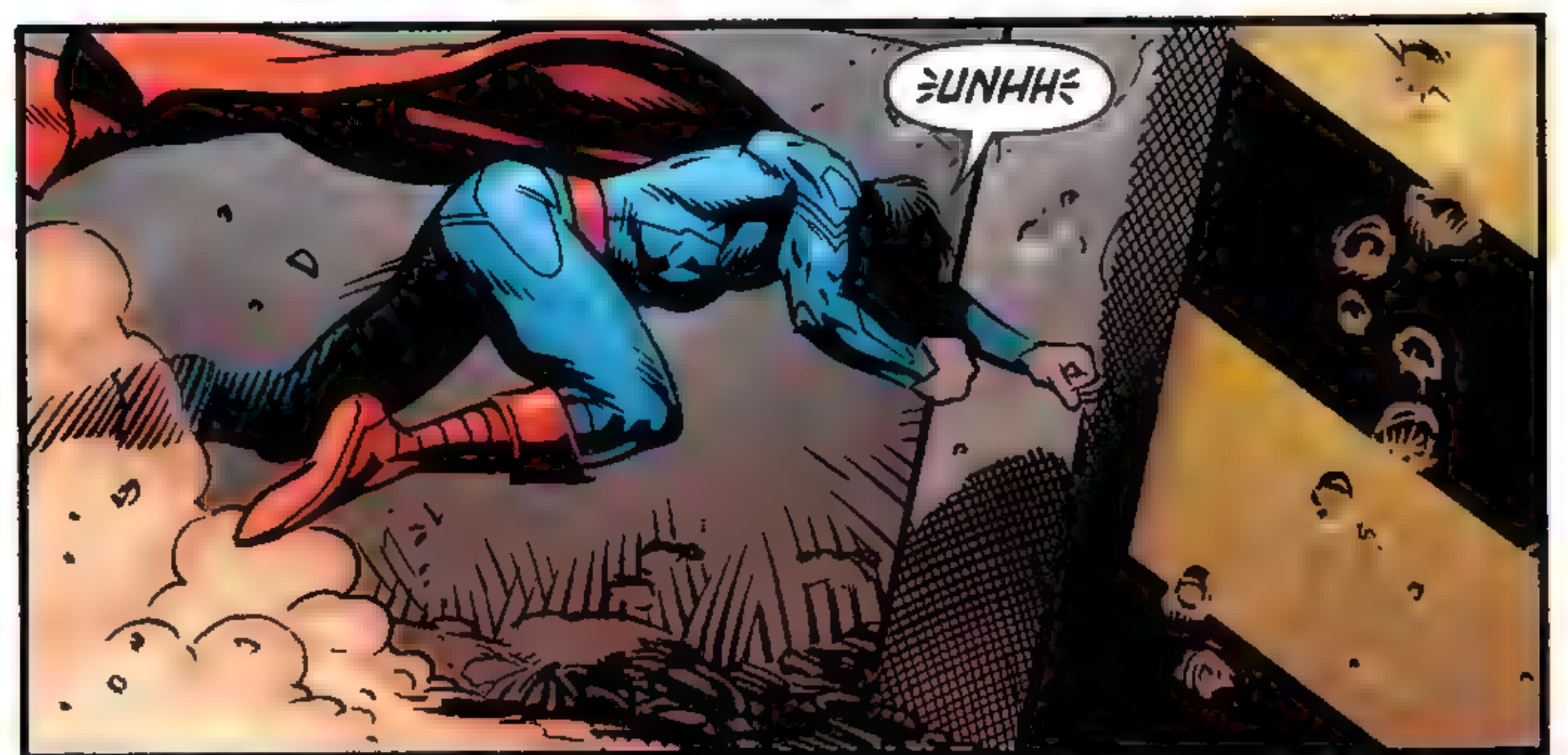
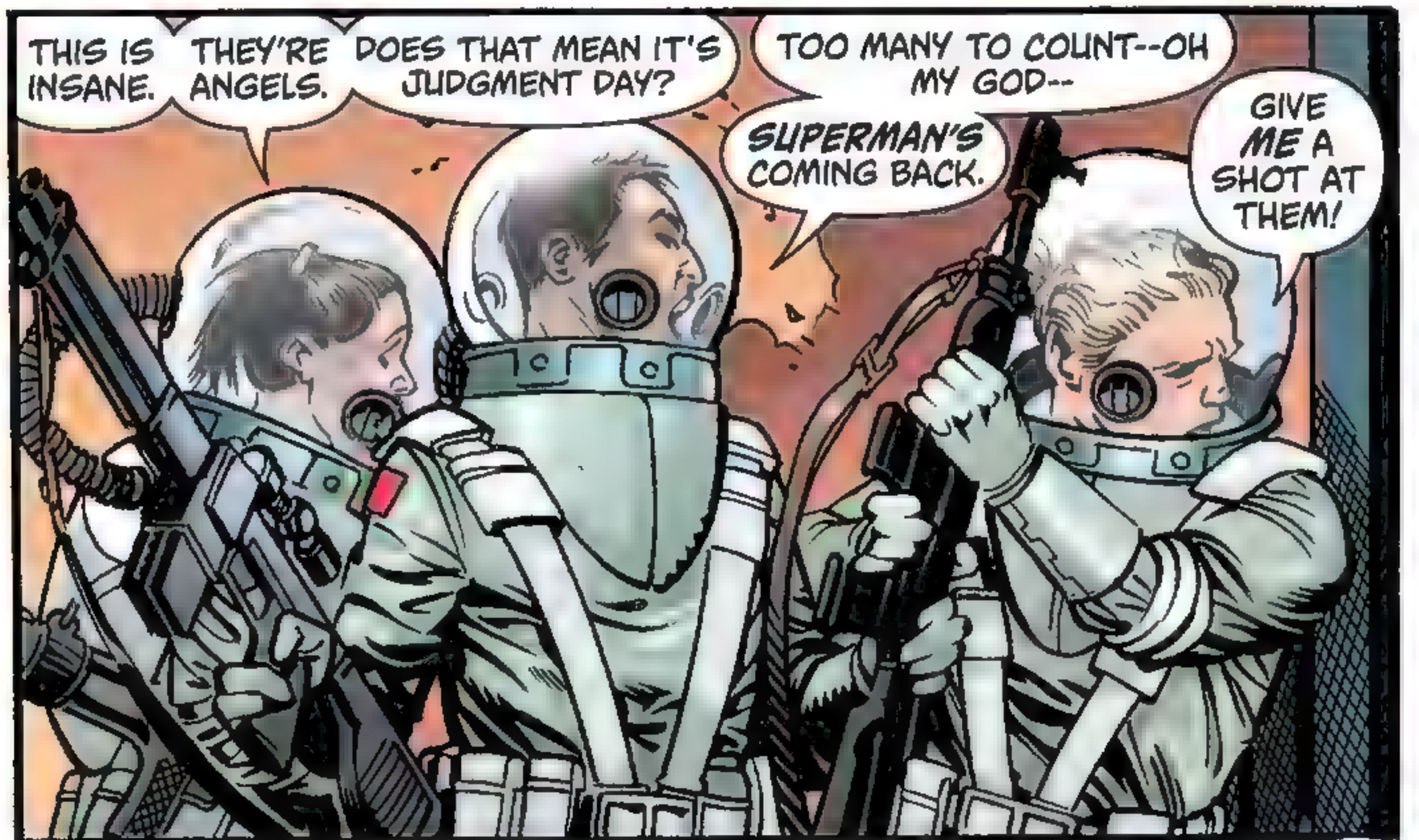
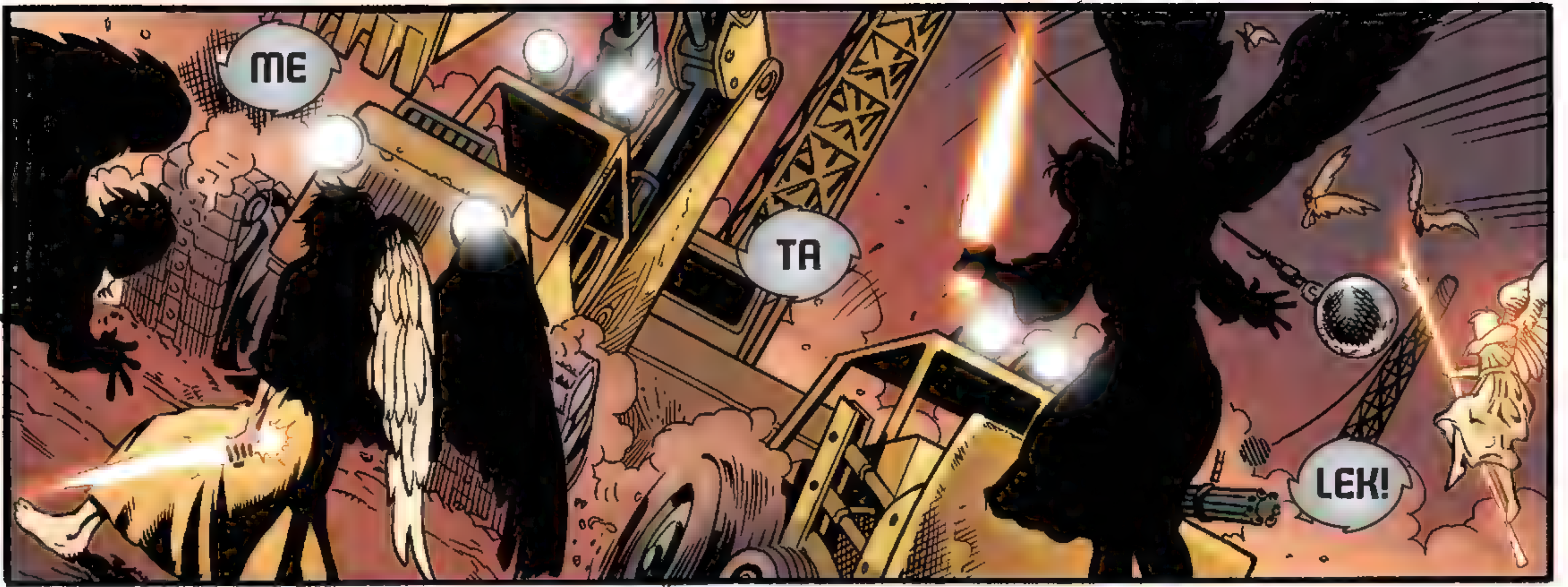
EARTH IS NEXT IN THE FLIGHT PATH.

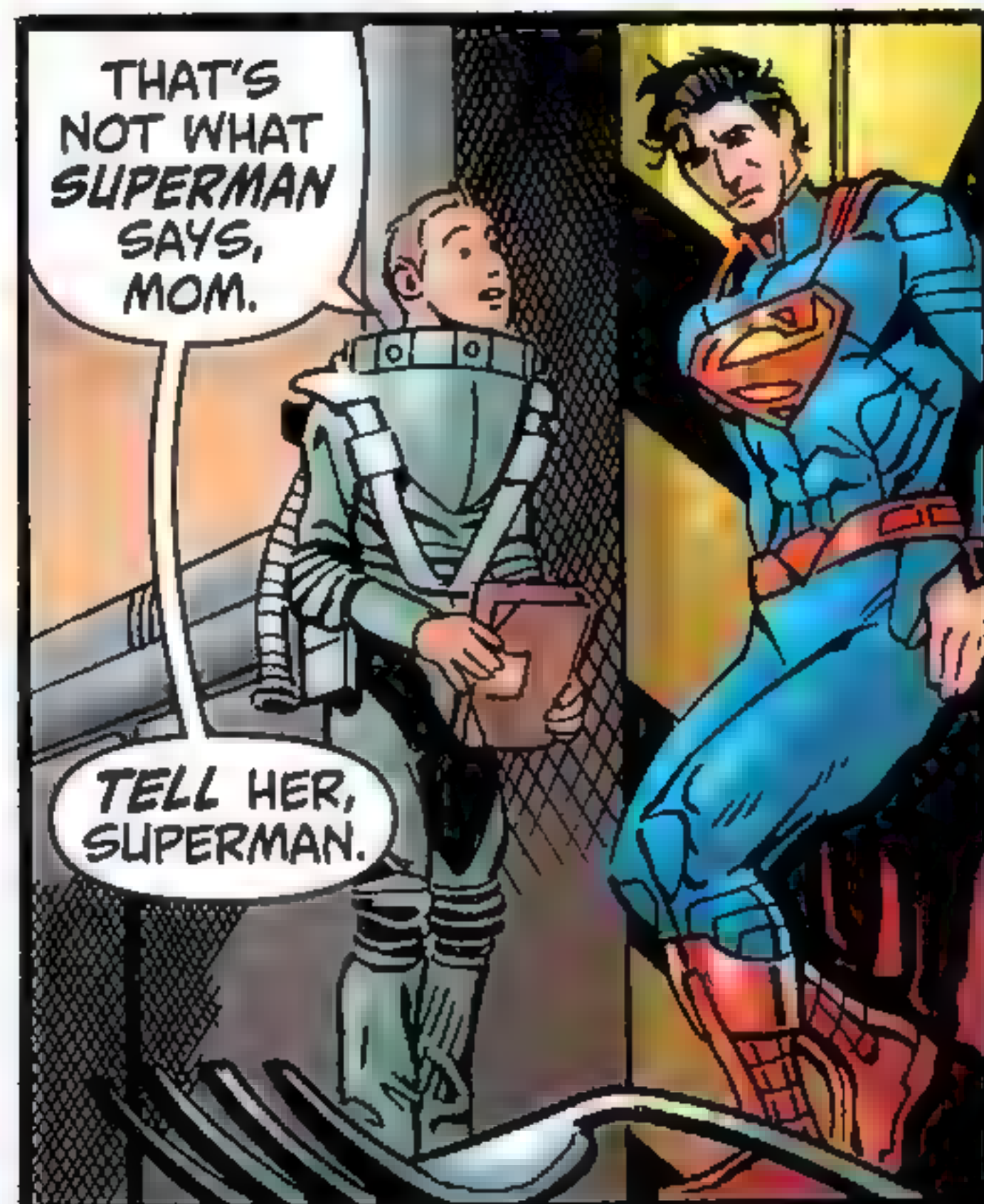
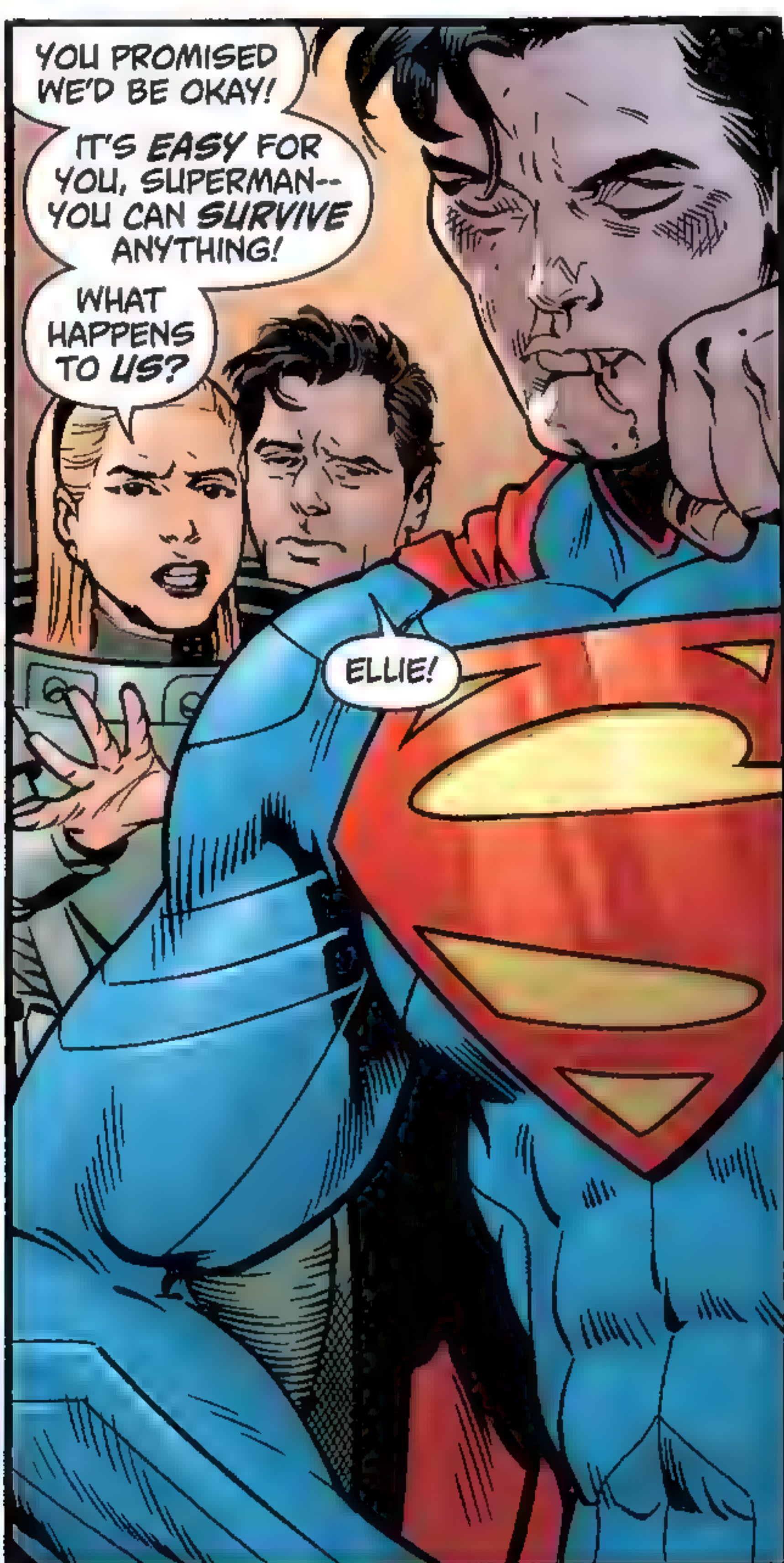
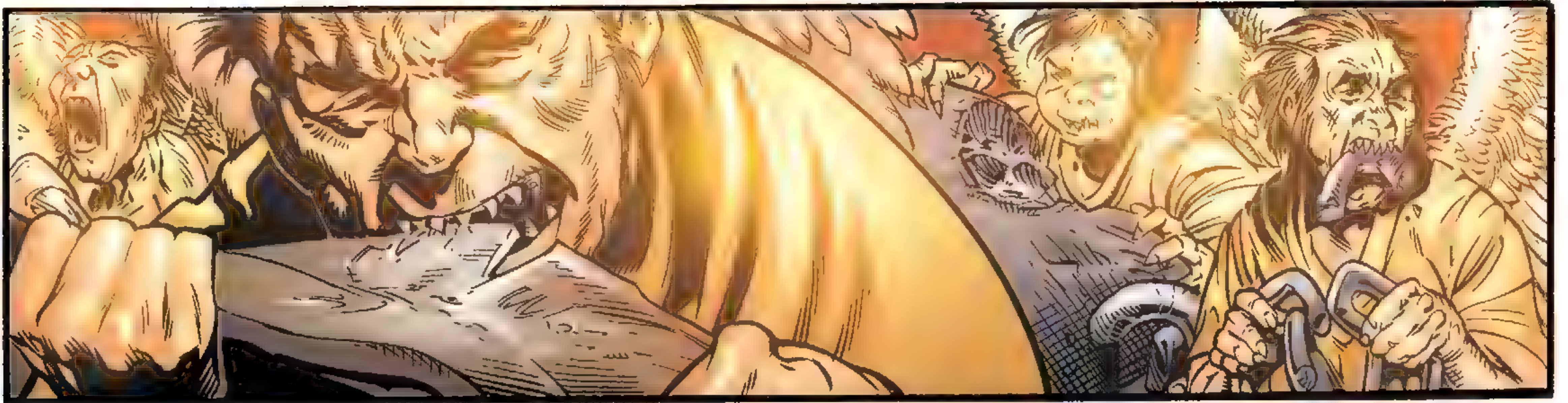


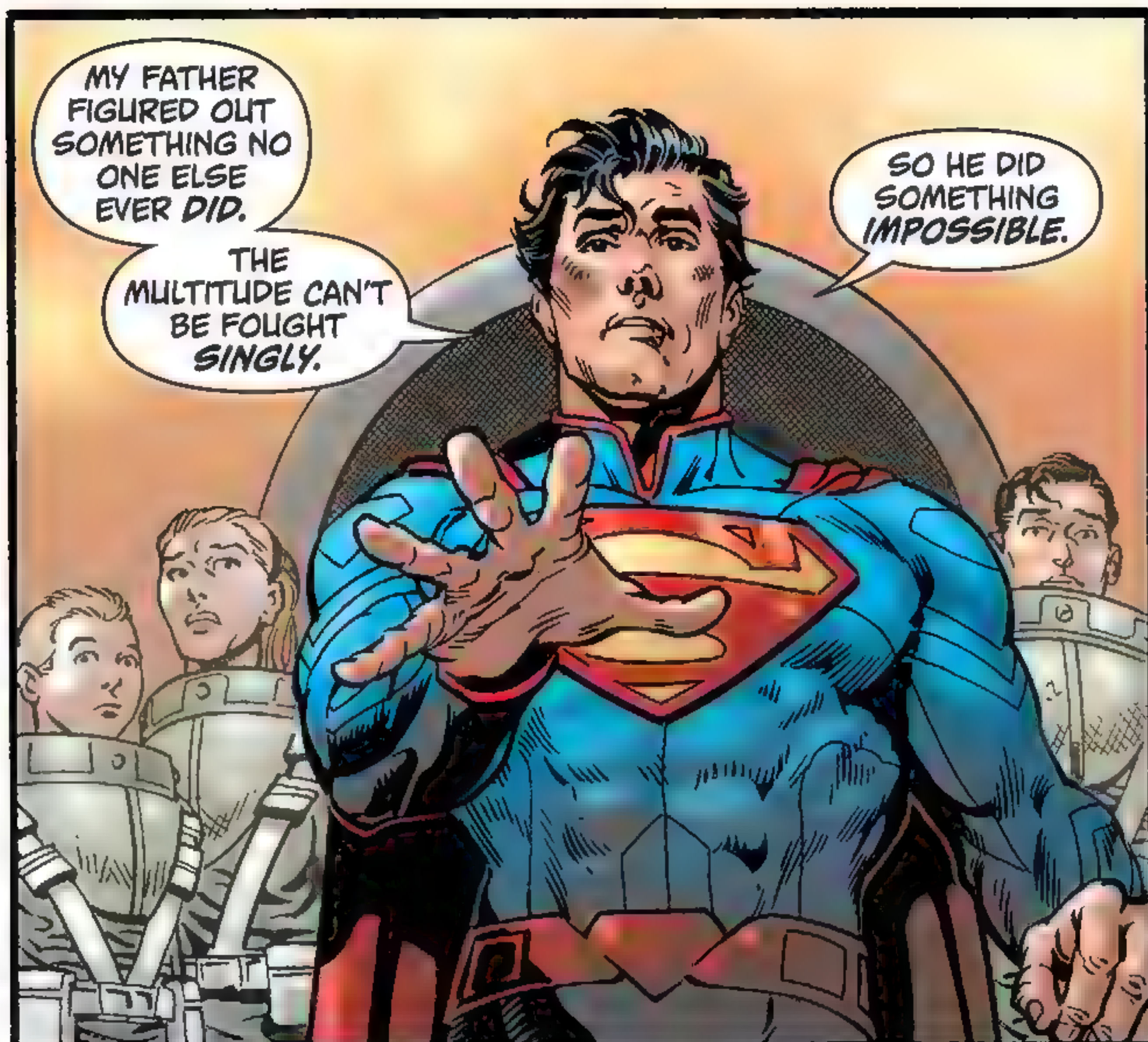








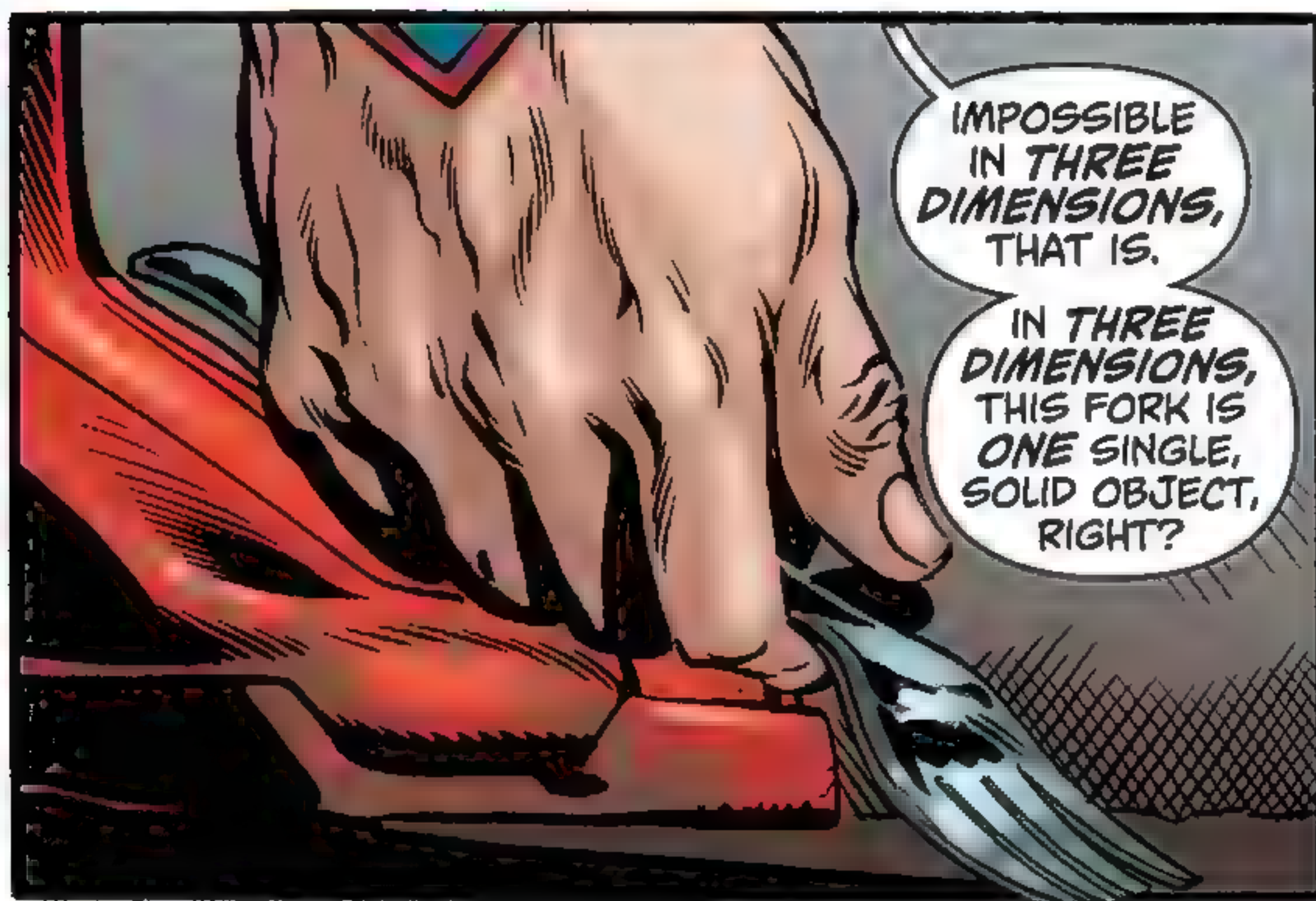




MY FATHER FIGURED OUT SOMETHING NO ONE ELSE EVER DID.

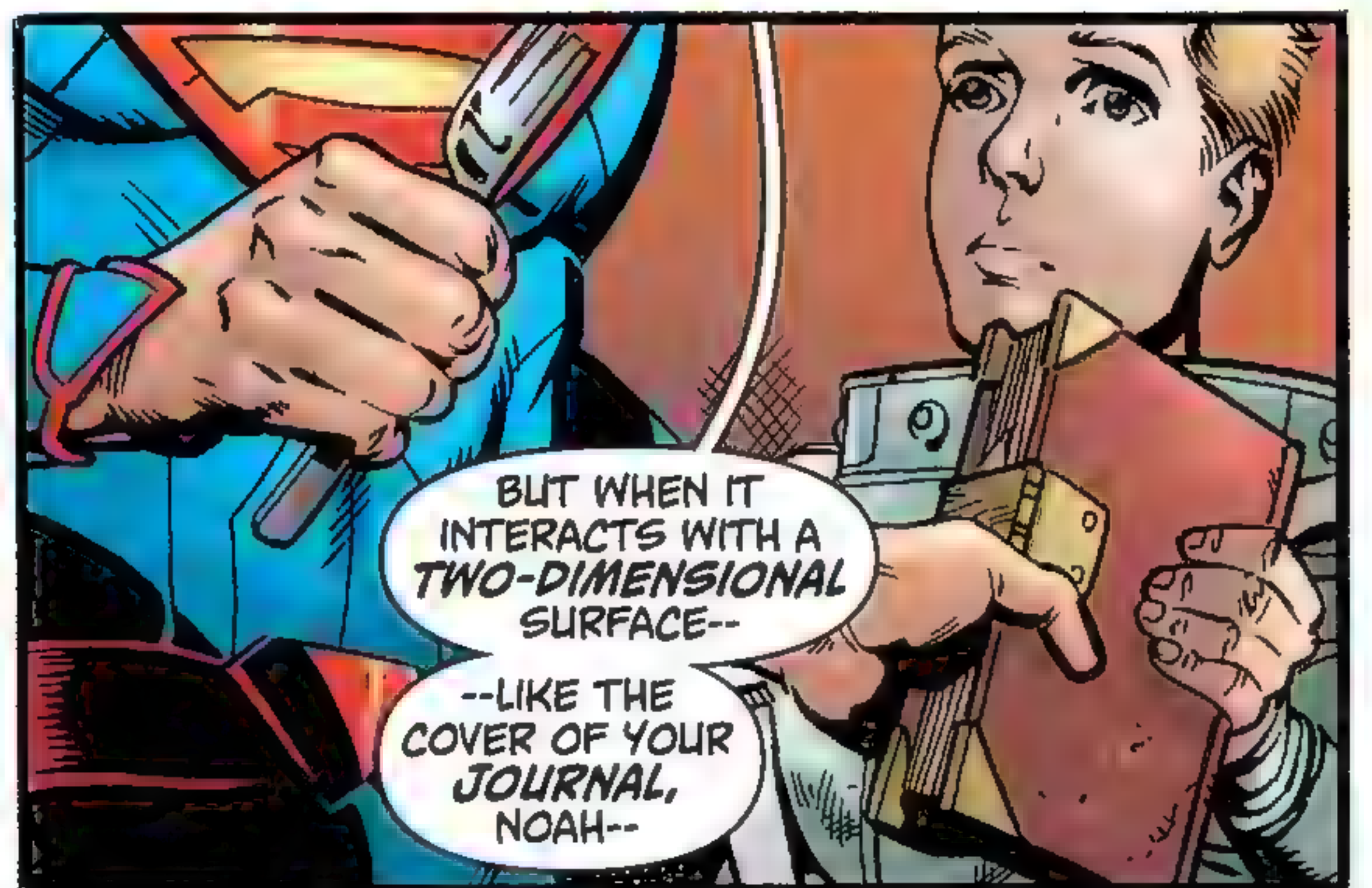
THE MULTITUDE CAN'T BE FOUGHT SINGLY.

SO HE DID SOMETHING IMPOSSIBLE.



IMPOSSIBLE IN THREE DIMENSIONS, THAT IS.

IN THREE DIMENSIONS, THIS FORK IS ONE SINGLE, SOLID OBJECT, RIGHT?



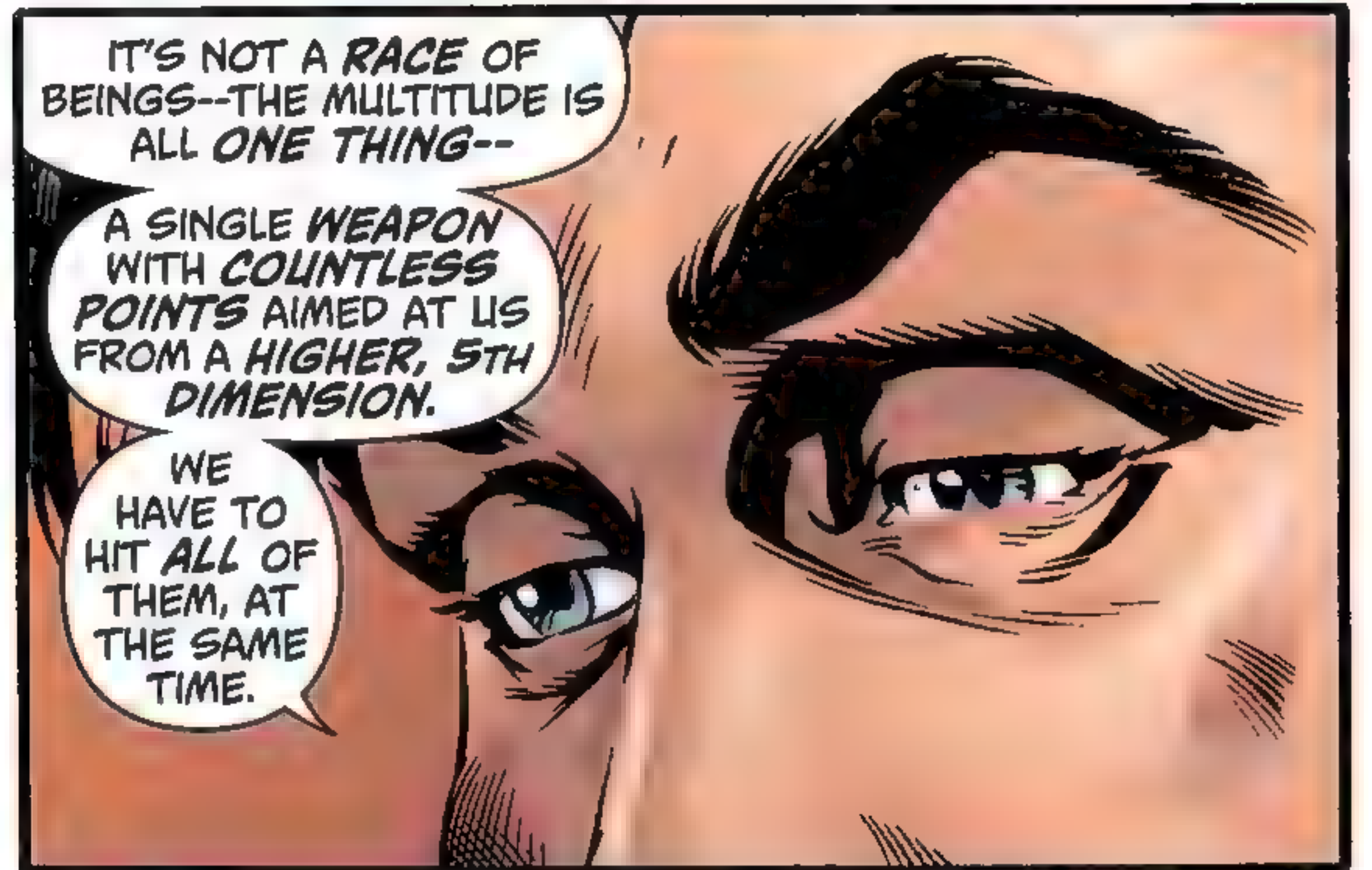
BUT WHEN IT INTERACTS WITH A TWO-DIMENSIONAL SURFACE--

--LIKE THE COVER OF YOUR JOURNAL, NOAH--



--IT LEAVES FOUR DISTINCT POINTS.

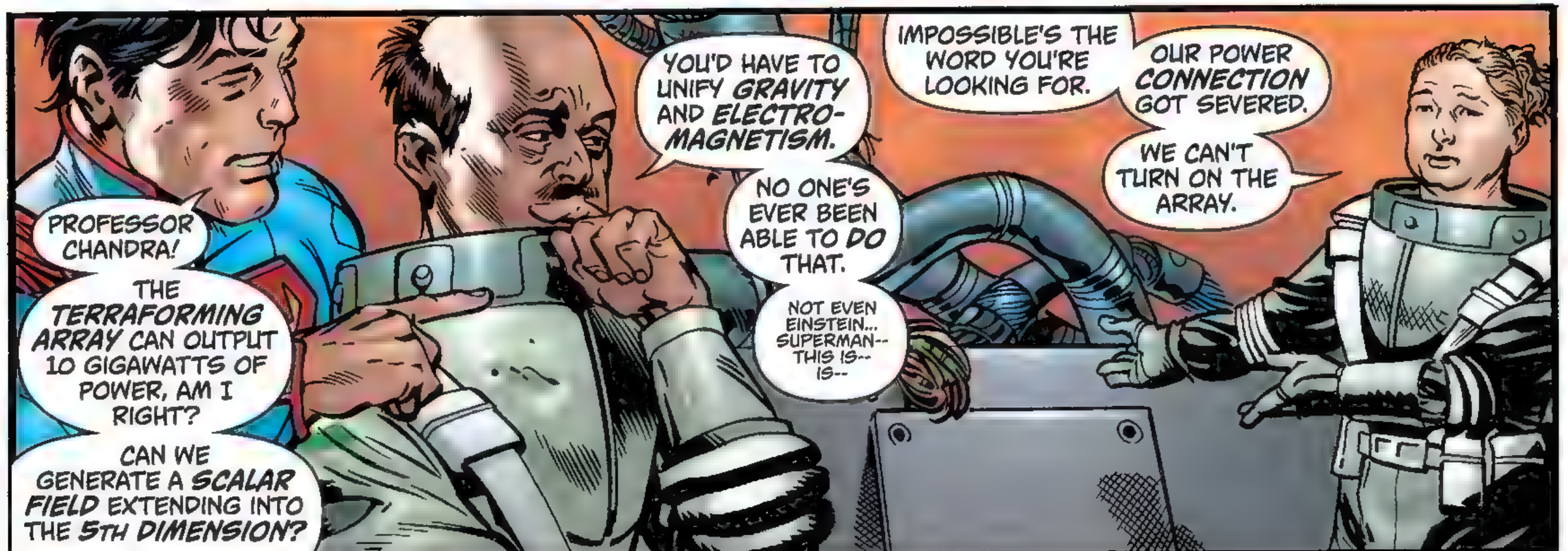
THE MULTITUDE ISN'T A MULTITUDE AT ALL.



IT'S NOT A RACE OF BEINGS--THE MULTITUDE IS ALL ONE THING--

A SINGLE WEAPON WITH COUNTLESS POINTS AIMED AT US FROM A HIGHER, 5TH DIMENSION.

WE HAVE TO HIT ALL OF THEM, AT THE SAME TIME.



PROFESSOR CHANDRA!

THE TERRAFORMING ARRAY CAN OUTPUT 10 GIGAWATTS OF POWER, AM I RIGHT?

CAN WE GENERATE A SCALAR FIELD EXTENDING INTO THE 5TH DIMENSION?

YOU'D HAVE TO UNIFY GRAVITY AND ELECTRO-MAGNETISM.

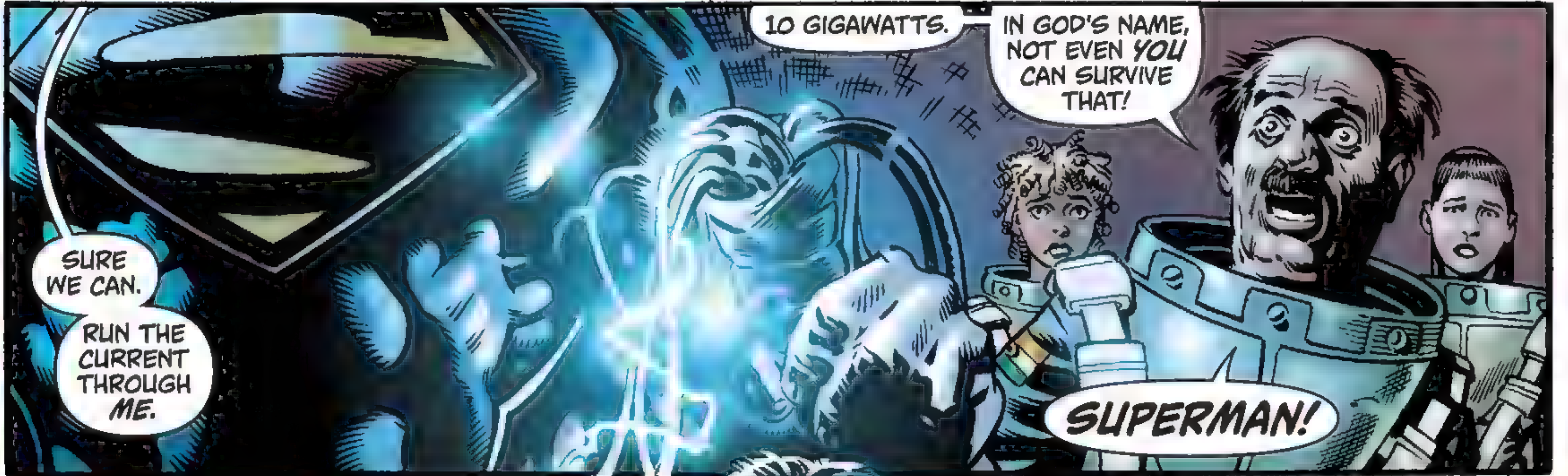
NO ONE'S EVER BEEN ABLE TO DO THAT.

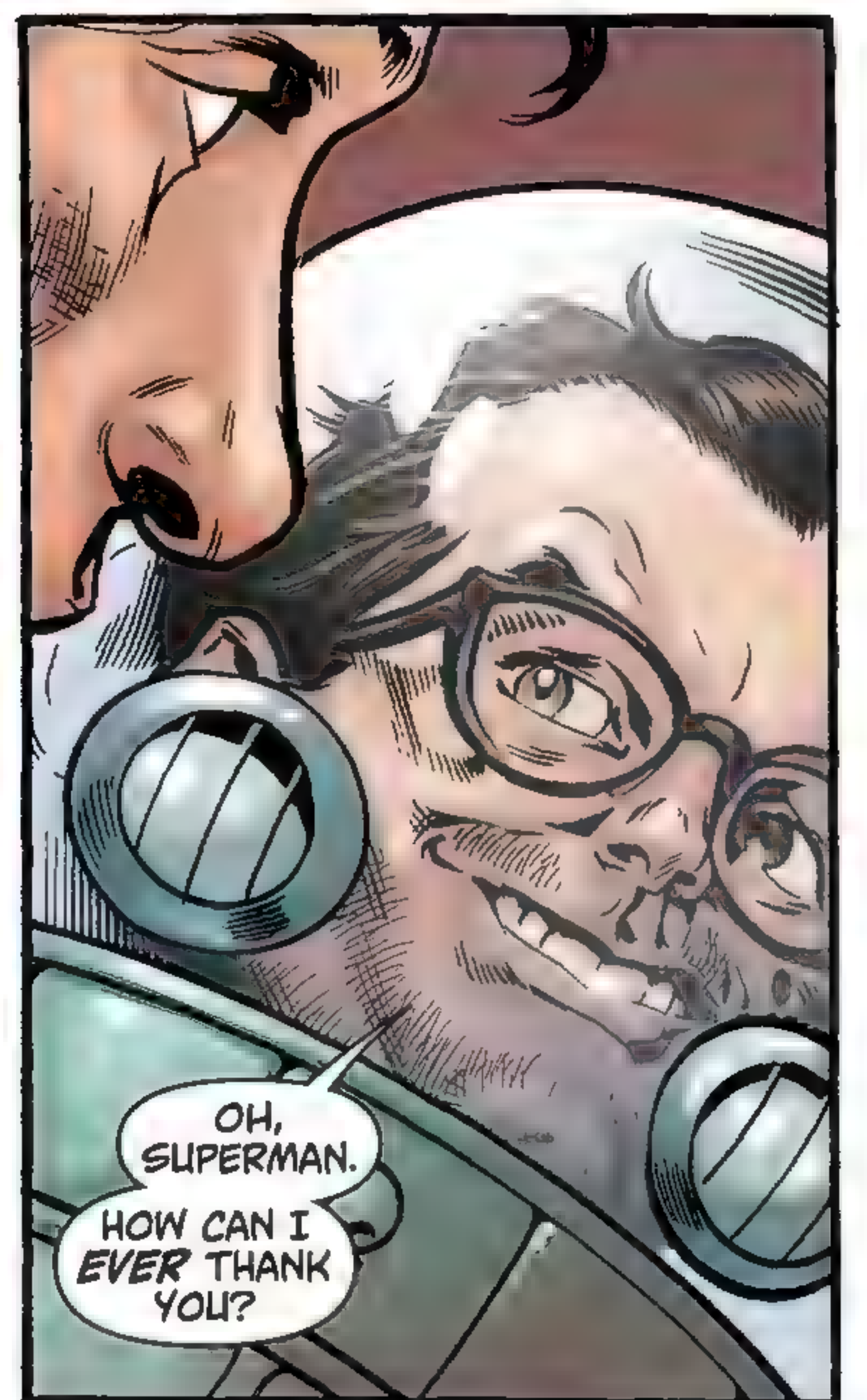
NOT EVEN EINSTEIN... SUPERMAN-- THIS IS-- IS--

IMPOSSIBLE'S THE WORD YOU'RE LOOKING FOR.

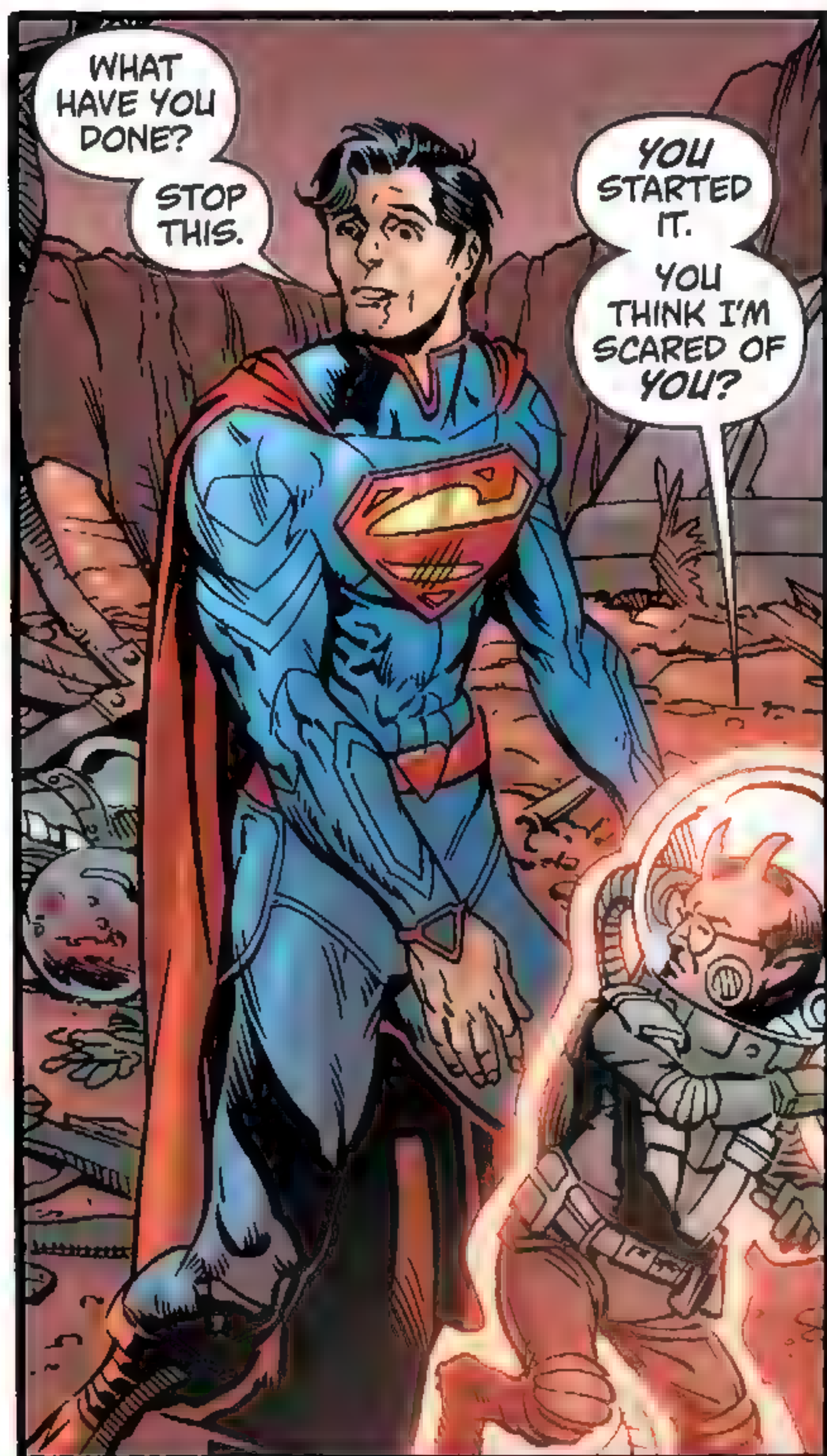
OUR POWER CONNECTION GOT SEVERED.

WE CAN'T TURN ON THE ARRAY.









NEXT SUPERMAN AT THE END OF DAYS

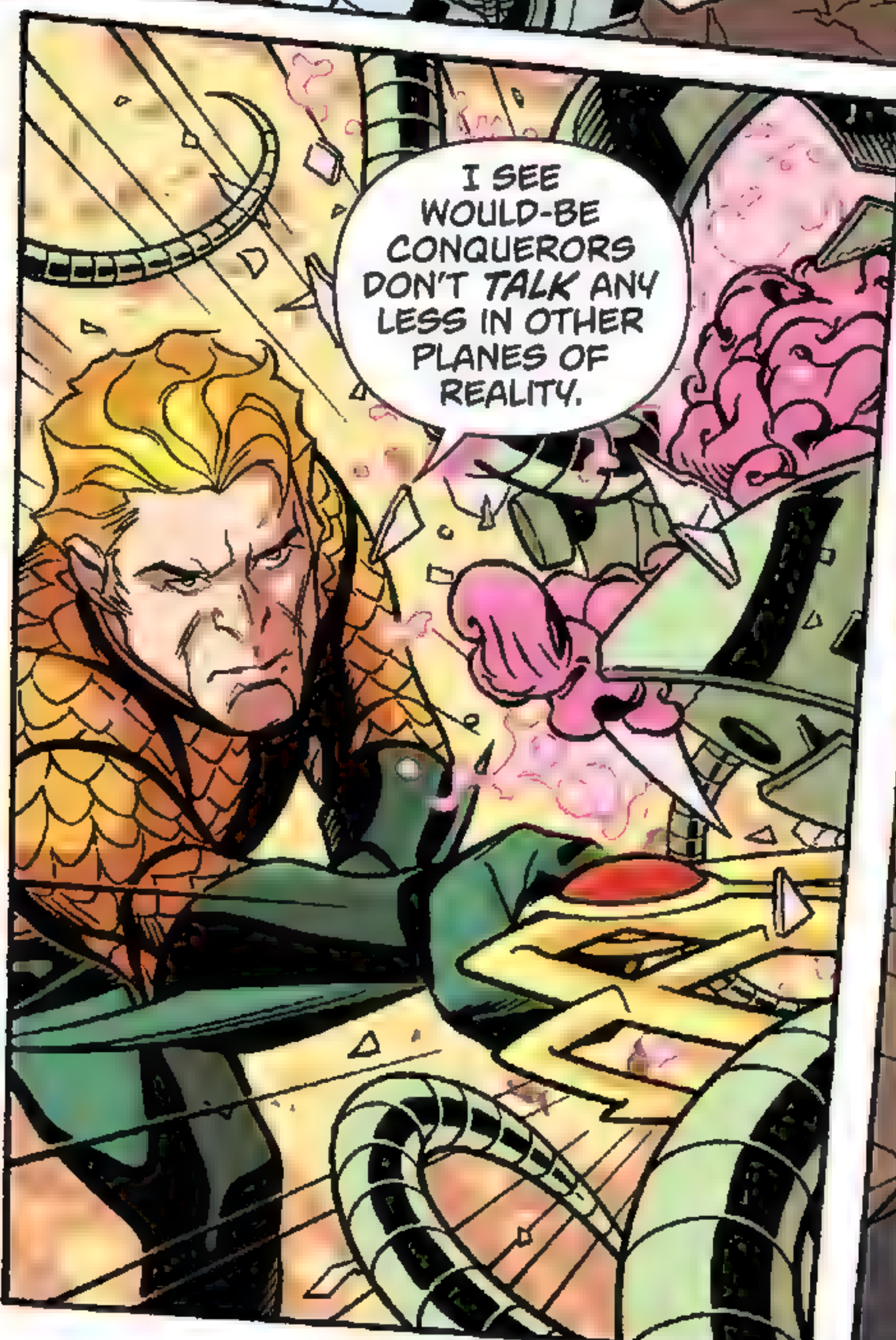


THOUGHT
CANNONS. MULTIPHASE
QUANTUM BLADES.
ENCEPHALOBOTS.

I'M STARTING
TO THINK THESE
GUYS REALLY ARE
FROM ANOTHER
DIMENSION.

FOOLISH
MAMMALS! ARE
YOUR PRIMATE
BRAINS INCAPABLE OF
COMPREHENDING THE
MAGNITUDE OF THE
THREAT YOU
FACE?

YIELD--AS THIS
ENTIRE WORLD SHALL
YIELD--TO THE RULE OF
N'RRSSHK'T THE
CONQUEROR!



I SEE
WOULD-BE
CONQUERORS
DON'T TALK ANY
LESS IN OTHER
PLANES OF
REALITY.

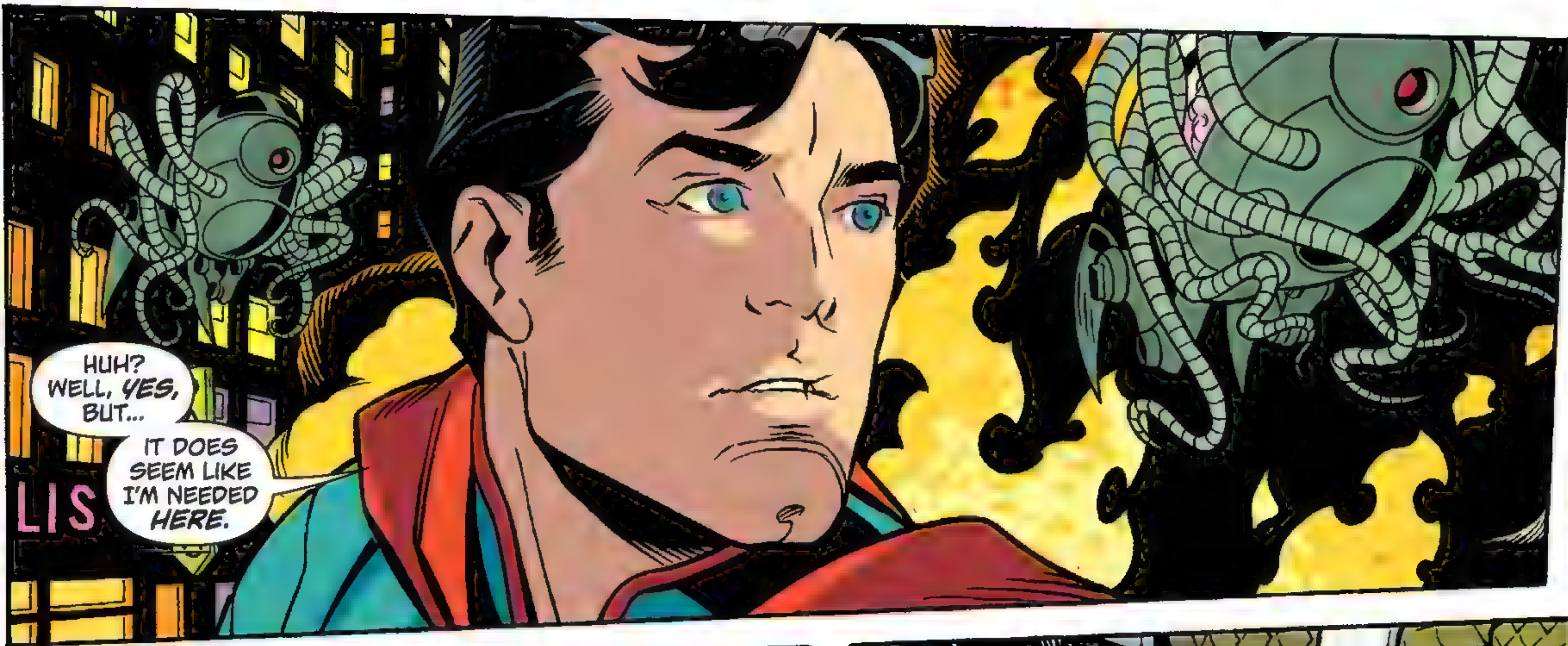


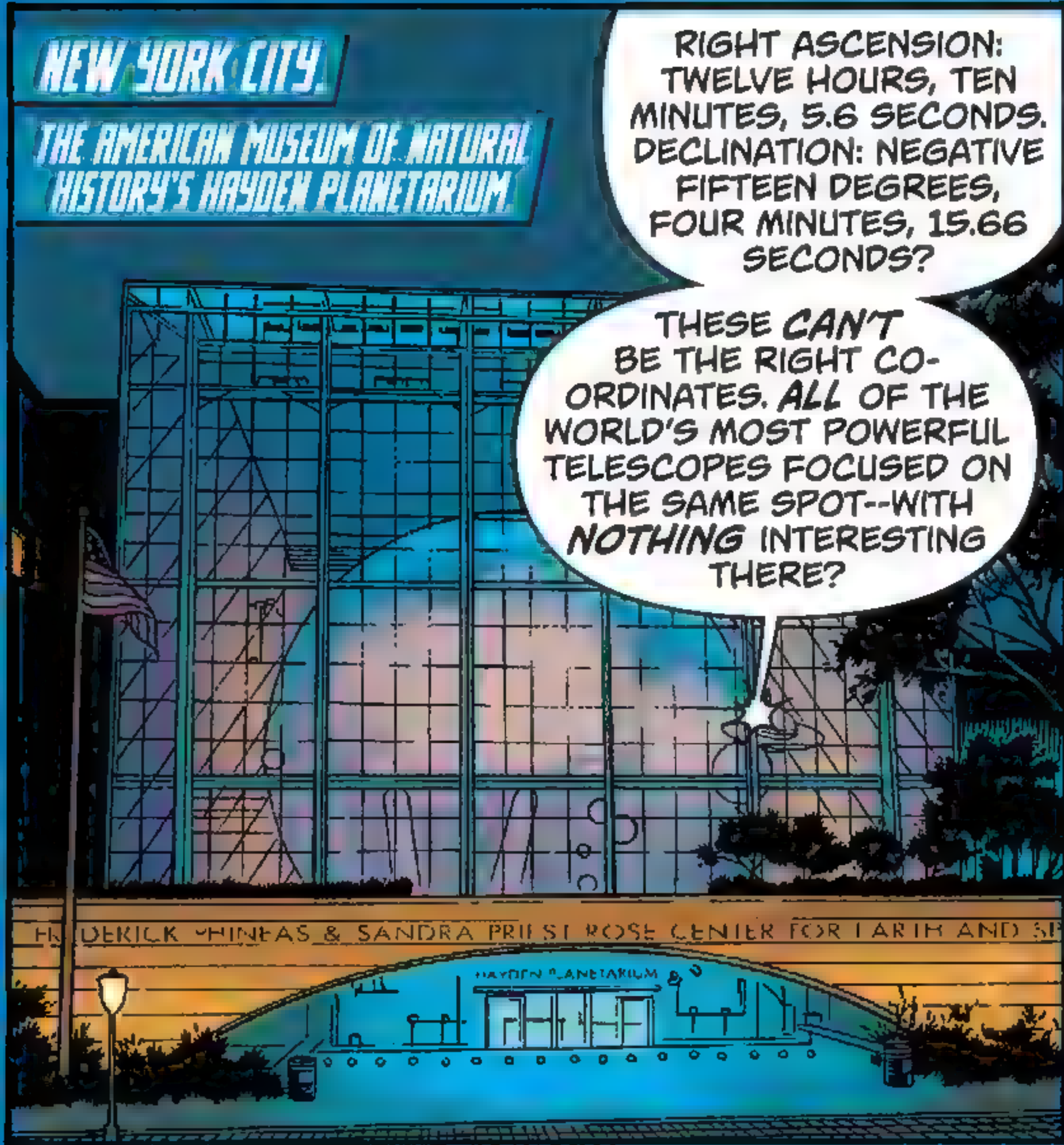
MAYBE, AQUAMAN,
BUT THEY'RE NOT ANY
LESS DANGEROUS
EITHER.

NICE
SAVE--



--BUT DON'T
YOU HAVE
SOMEWHERE
TO BE?





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THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY'S HAYDEN PLANETARIUM

RIGHT ASCENSION:
TWELVE HOURS, TEN
MINUTES, 5.6 SECONDS.
DECLINATION: NEGATIVE
FIFTEEN DEGREES,
FOUR MINUTES, 15.66
SECONDS?

THESE CAN'T
BE THE RIGHT CO-
ORDINATES. ALL OF THE
WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL
TELESCOPES FOCUSED ON
THE SAME SPOT--WITH
NOTHING INTERESTING
THERE?



NO TIME FOR
THAT, STEVE!

COME ON--ALL
THE PLANETARIUM LAB
STAFF IS SUPPOSED TO
BE IN THE THEATER
NOW!

OKAY, OKAY!
I'M COMING! WHAT'S
THE BIG RUSH?



OH.

STAR LIGHT, STAR BRIGHT...

SCOTT FISCH writer CAME SORDUNE penciller

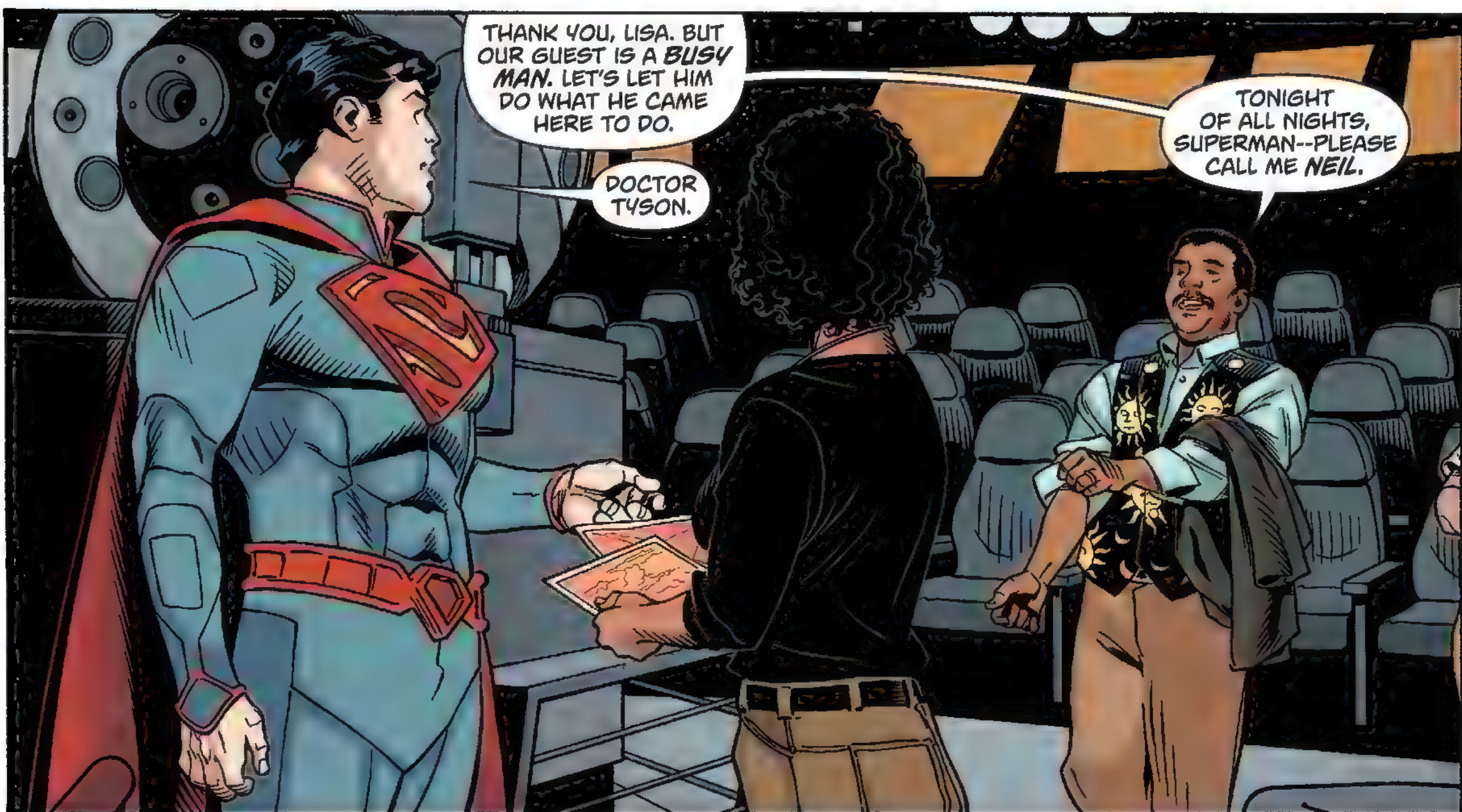
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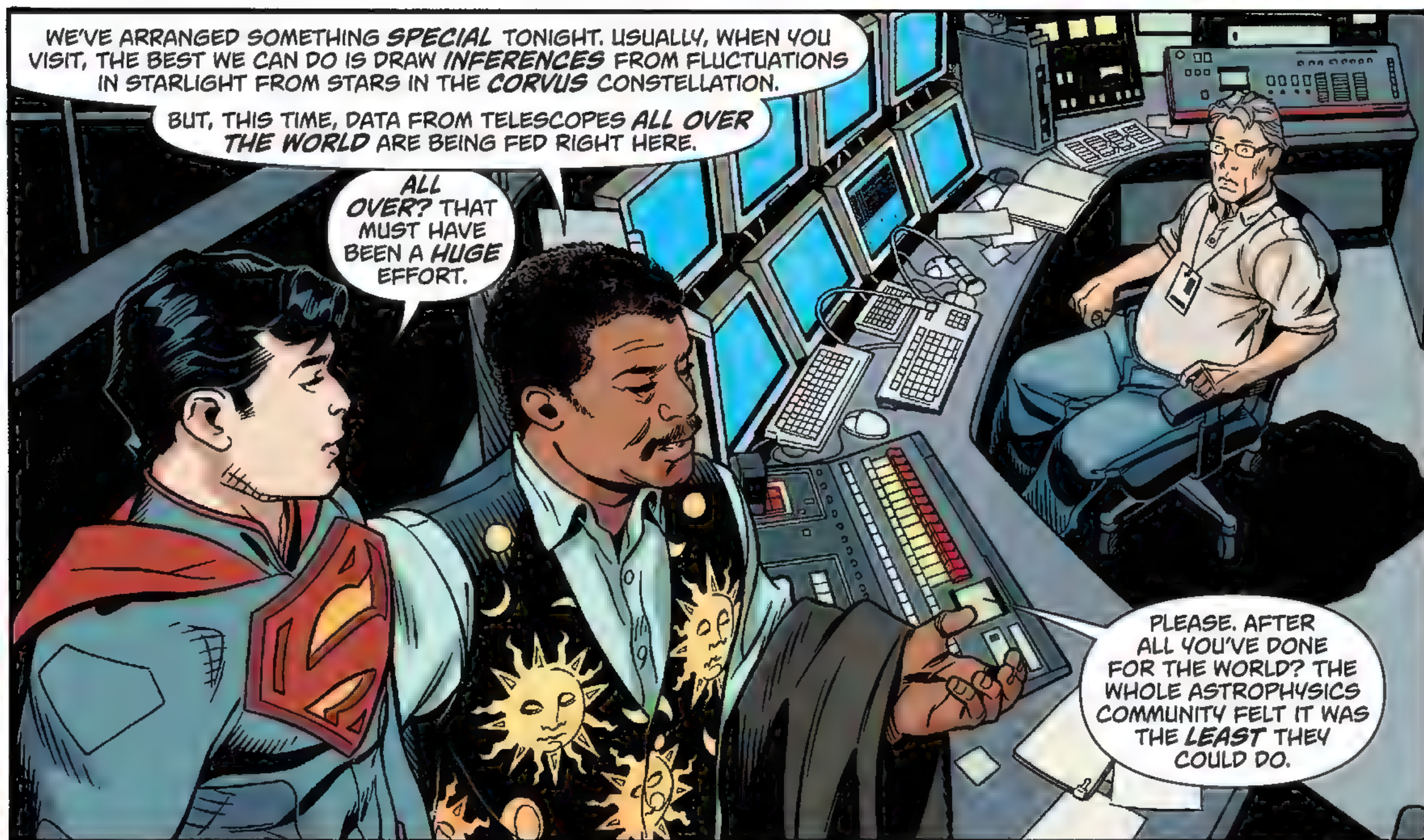
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"THAT'S KRYPTON'S
SUN? YOU MEAN OUR
TELESCOPES CAN
ACTUALLY SEE THE
PLANET KRYPTON, TOM?"

"TWENTY-SEVEN
LIGHT-YEARS AWAY?
NOT REALLY. I GUESS
SUPERMAN'S
SUPER-VISION CAN'T
EITHER."

"BUT IF YOU COULD
COMBINE DATA FROM
ONE HUNDRED
TELESCOPES AT
DIFFERENT LOCATIONS
AROUND THE WORLD..."

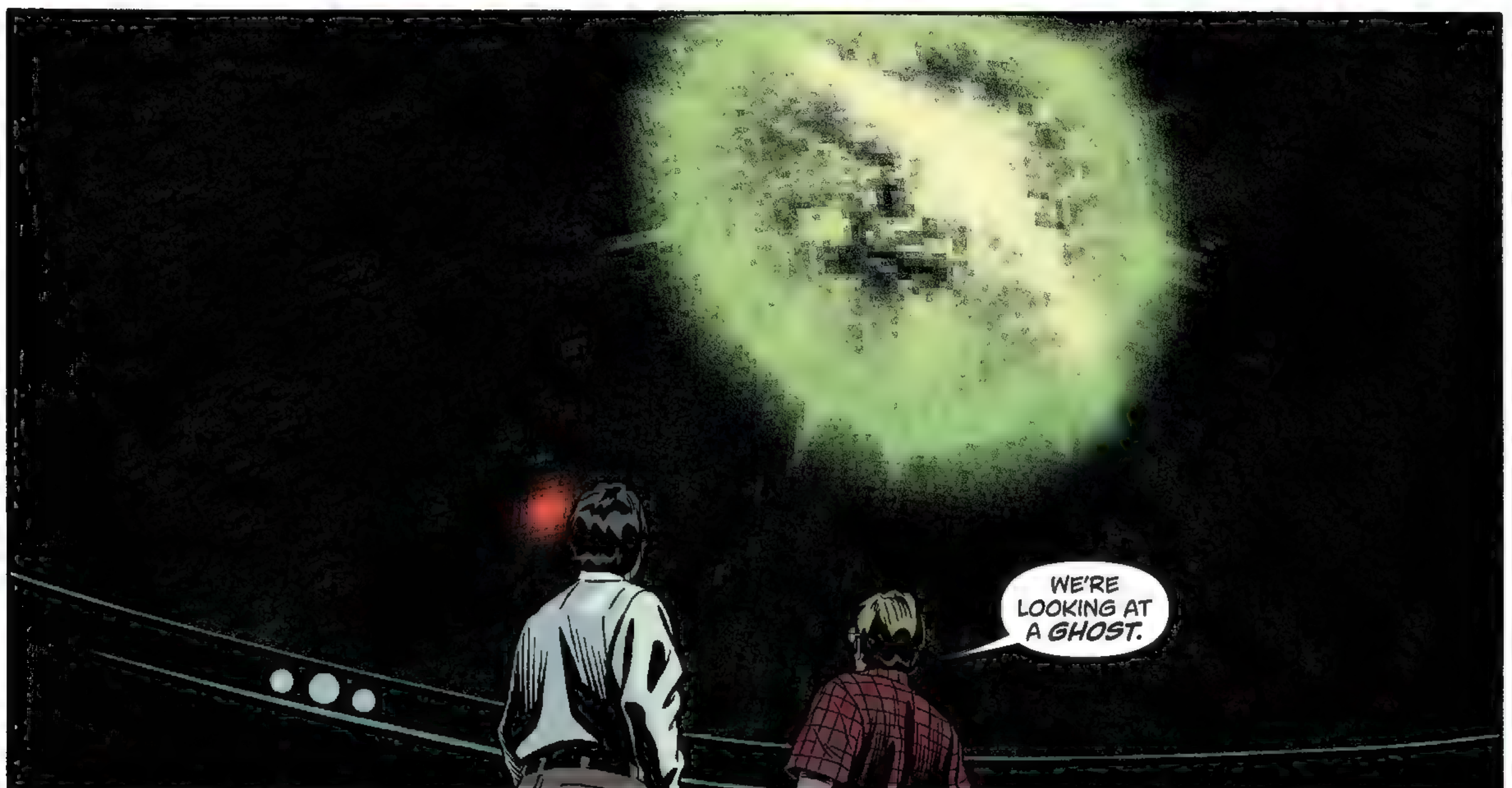
"YOU--YOU'D
ESSENTIALLY HAVE A
GIANT TELESCOPE
WITH A MIRROR AS BIG
AS THE **EARTH!**"

THEORETICALLY, ANYWAY. BUT IT'D
NEVER WORK! A **SUPERCOMPUTER**
WOULD TAKE **YEARS** TO INTEGRATE
SO MUCH DATA AND ASSEMBLE
AN IMAGE!

THE
INTERFEROMETRY
ALONE--

"WELL, STEVE,
THEN IT'S LUCKY
WE DON'T HAVE A
SUPERCOMPUTER."

WE HAVE
SUPERMAN.





KRYPTON
EXPLODED ROUGHLY
TWENTY-SEVEN
YEARS AGO.

THOSE ARE
THE IMAGES THAT
ARE JUST REACHING
EARTH NOW.



THE PLANET
KRYPTON HAS
BEEN GONE
FOR YEARS.



"BUT AS FAR AS
SUPERMAN IS
CONCERNED--

"--TONIGHT IS
THE NIGHT
KRYPTON DIED."



THE END



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